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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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THE Ali-Wepner fight in Cleveland served to stress the oft proved fact that "you never can tell" in boxing, especially when two big men get together.

When the match was made Madison Square Garden derided the arrangement. Experts predicted that the match would be a financial failure and Wepner would bleed himself out of the ring in something like eight or ten minutes.

As it turned out, the fight was not a money flop and it saw Ali forced to do his best in order to maintain his leadership and title fame.

The Bleeder did bleed a little. But he remained in action almost to the set limit of 15 rounds, being stopped with only 19 seconds to go.

Wepner started out in an atmosphere of derision. As he fought through one round after another, he gained in fan respect and general hope that he would last the 45 minutes.

You never can tell. How about the Braddock title victory over Max Baer? This fight was supposed to fill in time while Mike Jacobs, the promoter, planned a Joe Louis-Baer fight for the championship.

The experts called Braddock a 10 to 1 shot, and the book makers waited in vain for the betting public to "take the bait." But Maxie had a bad night, Jimmy had the night of his life, and Baer lost the crown to a supposed nonentity.

You never can tell. There was strong support for Max Schmeling even against Louis whom he had beaten in Joe's pre-title days.

But the Brown Bomber disposed of the Uhlan in one round.

You never can tell. How about the night Billy Conn had the title in his grasp after twelve rounds, got frisky, enamored of the notion that he could stop Joe, and was treated to a dose of KO poison.

There are quite a few other instances that prove "You never can tell."

Time was when heavyweight surprises and near-surprises were of greater moment than they are today. In those days there was heavy betting on fights and even fluctuations in the odds were noted in the sports pages.

But there is virtually little public betting these days. Even the two Ali-Frazier fights did not excite the chance takers the way their prototypes did in the days of Jeffries, Corbett, and Fitzsimmons. Especially in New York, where off-track betting takes care of those inclined to gamble on sports.

Time has dealt harshly not only with the book-makers but with the old style promoters, the referees and the experts.

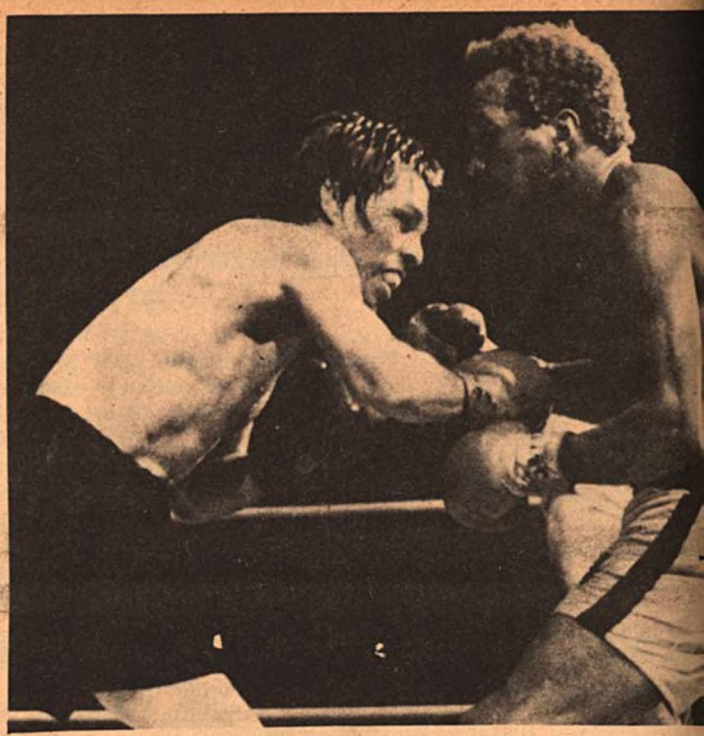
Few fans will leave a big fight with a clear recollection of the referee's identity. After the Ali-Wepner scrap Tony Perez, the third man, got into the sports pages because Ali protested that he had been tripped in the ninth round and not, as Tony had ruled, decked cleanly. But it has gone into the records as a knockdown.

As for the experts, there are no standouts like Nat Fleischer, Bat Masterson, Bob Edgren and Bill Naughton to mention a few.

Nor do we have promoters like Tex Rickard, Mike Jacobs, Jim Coffroth, George Parnassus, Jim Norris or Harry Markson.

Promoting agencies are mentioned by their corporate names, like Video Techniques or Top Rank, et al.

Is all of this good for the fight game? Emphatically NO.



World welterweight champ Jose "Angel" Napoles bleeds heavily in his title fight with Armando Muniz. Napoles won in 12th round KO. On right Napoles moves in as he takes one to the midsection thrown by challenger Armando Muniz in controversial fight.

By RAMON HENDERSON

ACAPULCO, MEXICO — Time was when the fight between Jose Napoles, the world welterweight champion, and Armando Muniz would not have reached the twelfth round.

Time was when Jose, who says he is 35, would not have looked the 40 which he appeared to be in the fight, which was stopped by referee, doctor and judges, against Muniz in the twelfth round, for the good of Napoles' health.

But stopped it was by referee Ramon Berumen in the twelfth round.

The reason for the stoppage was a bad wound over Napoles' left eye. He was awarded the fight on points, as he was ahead when the referee acted, and the judges supported the decision that Muniz had been guilty of butting.

The judges had warned Muniz in the third and fifth rounds.

That Napoles no longer is that good a fighter that he can be matched with Monzon was made evident by Muniz, who is not regarded as a notable scrapper.

Napoles has been fighting on a big name and will not be able to continue that process much longer, if he goes on hating to do any training.

That the promoter made any money on the fight is extremely doubtful. He had to pay Napoles $150,000 and Muniz $15,000. Add the expense of putting on the show and you have a formidable cost sheet.

Napoles' wound over the eye looked very bad in the twelfth so the referee asked the

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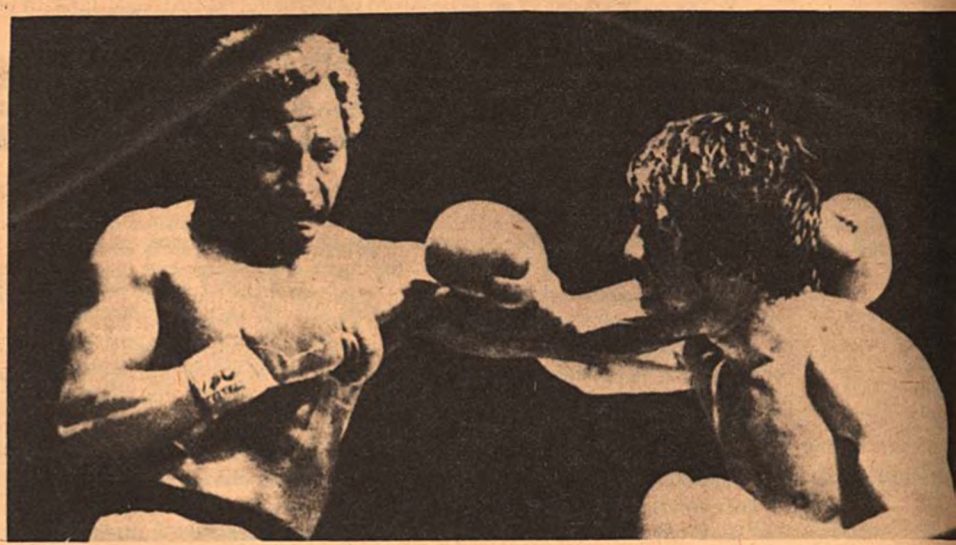

Armando Muniz unleashes a two-fisted attack on champion Jose Napoles. Muniz lost the bout after disqualification in twelfth round by referee for butting.

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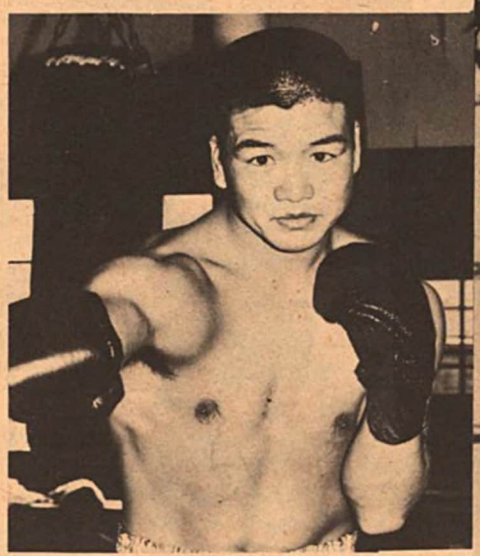
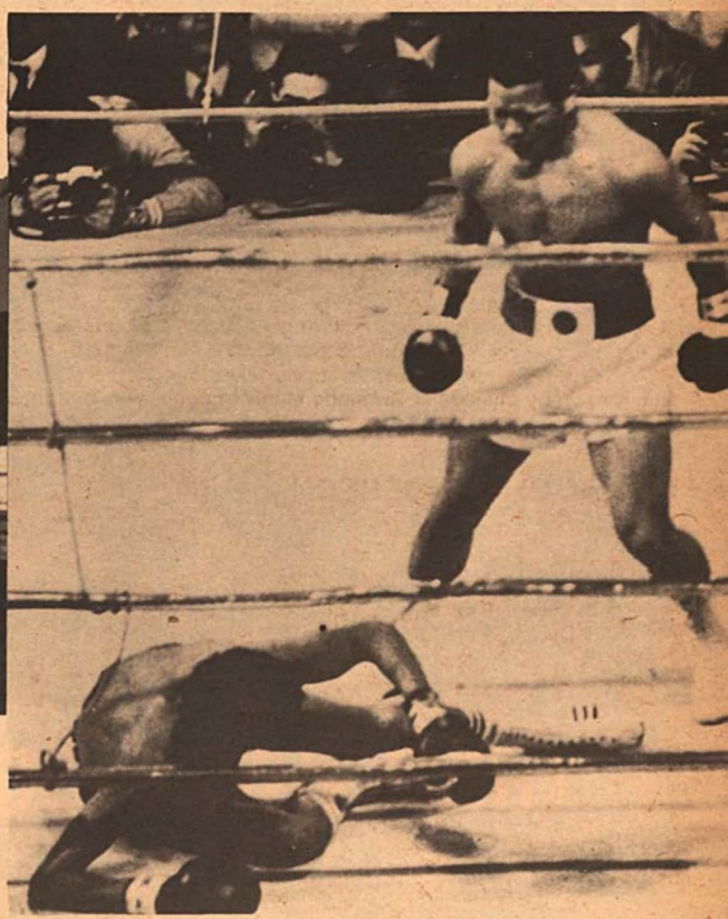
SHIBATA JAPAN'S LEADING DRAW OUTPUNCHES MAKLOUFI

By JOE KOIZUMI



Kuniaki Shibata, WBC jr. lightweight champion, seen training for the successful defense of his title against Ould Makloufi.



Shibata lands a flurry of blows and down goes his challenger for an eight count in WBC jr. lightweight title bout at Fukuoka, Japan. Makloufi made it to his feet and the contest went the full 15 rounds with Shibata gaining the one-sided unanimous decision in the third successful defense of his title.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Kuniaki Shibata dominated 10 of the 15 rounds in beating Ould Makloufi, from Africa, at Fukuoka.

The contest was for the WBC version of the junior lightweight title.

Makloufi was decked in the second round and did not give Shibata much of an argument. It did not appear worthwhile sending all the way to Africa for opposition to the native puncher.

The victory was the Nipponese' third successful defense since he dethroned Mexico's Ricardo Arredondo via a 15-round decision in 1974. It was Shibata's eleventh title fight during his career.

Makloufi disappointed 5,000 customers with a negative performance.

He kept retreating all the way to avoid Shibata's jolting attack.

Scrappy and speedy Kuniaki Shibata, 129½, kept his WBC's version of the 130-pound class title by a decision from Ould Makloufi, Algeria, in 15 rounds. Some 5,000 witnesses were in attendance at Kyuden Gymnasium, Fukuoka City. A verdict was quite lopsided. Referee Yusaku Yoshida saw the affair 75-69 for Shibata under a 5-point must system. Judges Tohru Kimura and Kazumasa Kuwada both had it 75-65 in the WBC champ's favor.

Shibata entered the ring with a disadvantage of 4 inches in height and 8 inches in reach to the lanky Algerian. But the difference of speed and skill was such that the proceedings got onesided and monotonous. Shibata, sturdy Japanese, began the fireworks from the start.

In round two the Japanese threw a smashing left to Ould's face. Down he went. Makloufi, 129, regained his feet near the ropes to be saved by the bell. Thereafter the contest repeated the same pattern. Shibata chased his opponent, while Makloufi kept backpedaling. The Algerian appeared to be content with displaying a good defense and powerless jabbing only.

Makloufi, 30 years old, had welcomed the first opportunity to have a crack at the title. However, he showed quite a negative fight all the way. Yoshida, the third man, repeatedly ordered the two to exchange a hard rally. Makloufi was a better runner than Shibata, willing mixer. The Japanese pressed the action, taking the third, sixth, eighth and tenth sessions by a large margin.

Overwhelmingly Shibata sent a positive attack in the last three rounds. He went all out for a kayo, but Makloufi lasted his rival's punching with footwork.

A sensational card resulted in a disappointment to the booing crowd. A shutout decision was Shibata's 44th win, including 25 knockouts against 5 losses and 3 draws.

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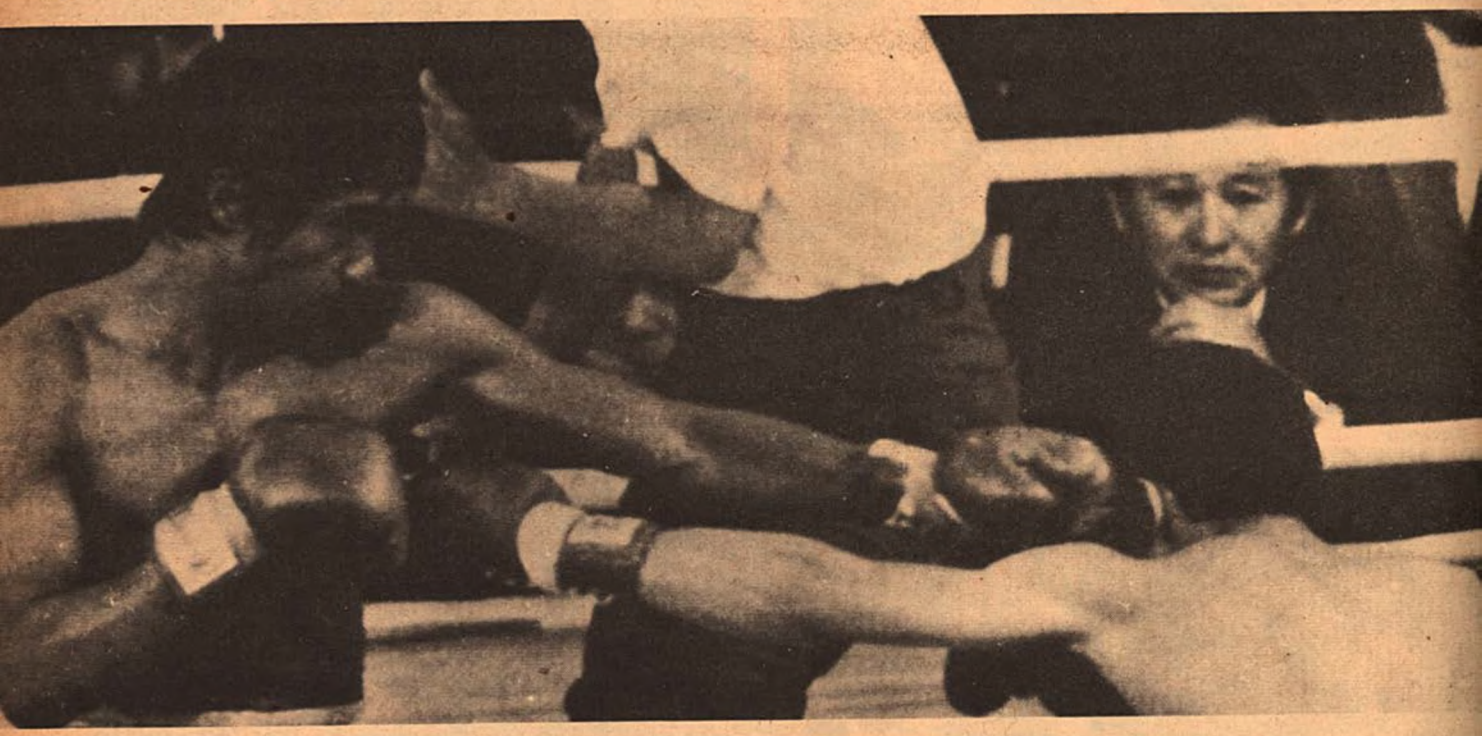
SALAVARRIA BEATS HANAGATA IN JAPAN, RIOT FOLLOWS

By JOE KOIZUMI



Erbito Salavarria, left, connects with left to the face of the defending champion, Hanagata. Salavarria won the WBA flyweight championship on April 1, 1975 at Toyama, Japan, via a 15 round split decision.

The WBC version of the world flyweight title is held by Miguel Canto, posing here after recent workout at his manager's Hacienda at Ticul, Yucatan, Mexico.

TOYAMA, JAPAN — The Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden in New York, which was shut down because of post fight rioting, has no monopoly on disturbances of that kind.

There was a beauty of a riot here after a split decision had been handed down in favor of Erbito Salavarria, of the Philippines, against Susuma Hanagata, of Japan.

They went 15 hard rounds and Hanagata, who went into the ring with the WBA flyweight title, lost it to the veteran invader.

There were 6,000 fans in the arena, and they demonstrated in unison against the decision.

When the referee, Herbert Minn, a Korean of American ancestry, who lives in Honolulu, announced the verdict the customers began to heave whatever was handy into the ring in violent protest.

The referee and judge Enrique Jiminez, Filipino, voted for Salavarria, Masaro Kato, the Japanese judge, voted for Hanagata.

The Japanese Boxing Association did a most unusual thing when it ordered the promoter to withhold payment for services to the referee and the Filipino judge.

It also sent a protest to Bill Brennan, head of the WBA Championship Committee, protesting against

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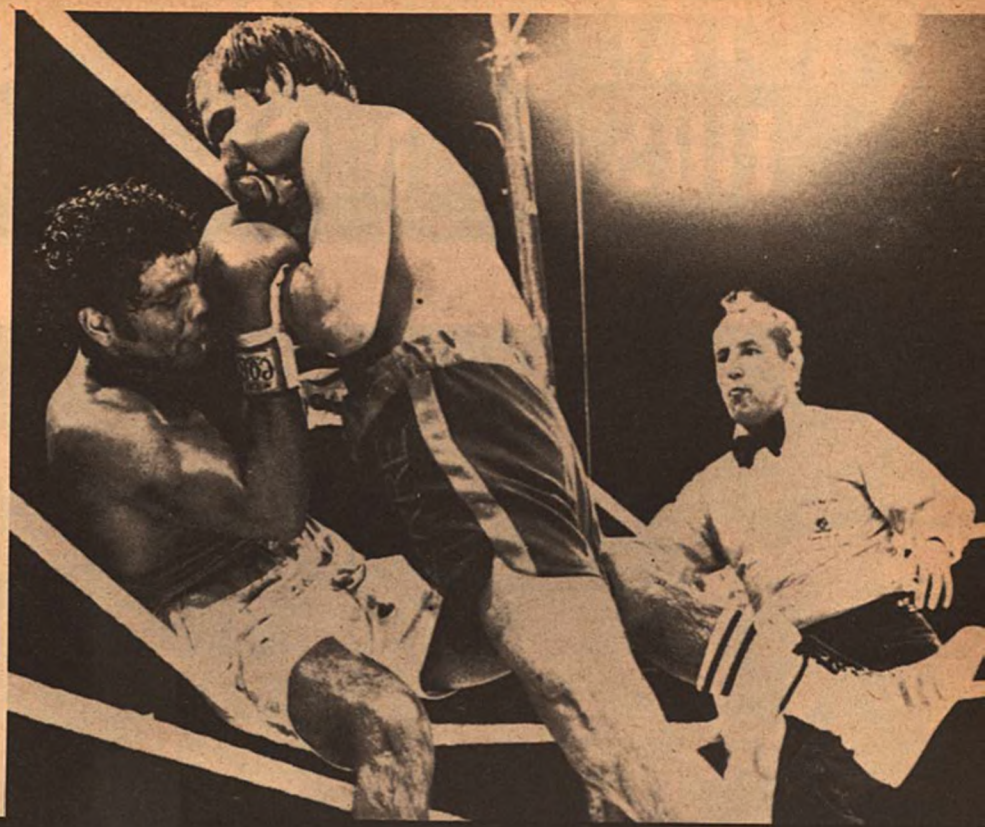
Pierre Fourie, South African challenger forces Galindez against ropes in their 15 round bout, as referee Waldemar Schmidt moves in to separate fighters.



By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — After 15 rounds of fighting with Pierre Fourie, Victor Galindez still owns the WBA half of the world light heavyweight championship. The WBC half belongs to John Conteh of Britain.

The natural thing would be a fight between Conteh and Galindez, from the Argentine. But the natural thing in boxing nowadays, does not happen very often.

Galindez beat the home favorite by a big margin. But Fourie finished on his feet. He came close to missing the late rounds but he kept battling gamely and determinedly.

"Fourie is a good fighter but he is no champion," said the South African after the fight.

In short, Fourie does not qualify as a contender for the title surrendered by Bob Foster

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"FOURIE GOOD FIGHTER BUT NO CHAMPION", SAYS GALINDEZ AFTER NO NO-KNOCKDOWN FIGHT

when he retired after getting a questionable draw with Argentinian Ahumada.

Galindez suffered a bad gash over the right eye in the eighth round.

This wound was not a new one. It was the reopening of an old cut which had bothered Galindez in past fights. Apparently it will bother Victor in future battles, as well, as it seems to be one of those recurring handicaps.

As had been expected, Galindez brought into important play strength, stamina, experience, and very importantly, hooks to the head and body which put Fourie on his mettle and his gameness.

Galindez's strength stood out as Fourie put on a desperate finish.

Fourie had a hard time fighting off the Buenos Aires bull in the last two rounds.

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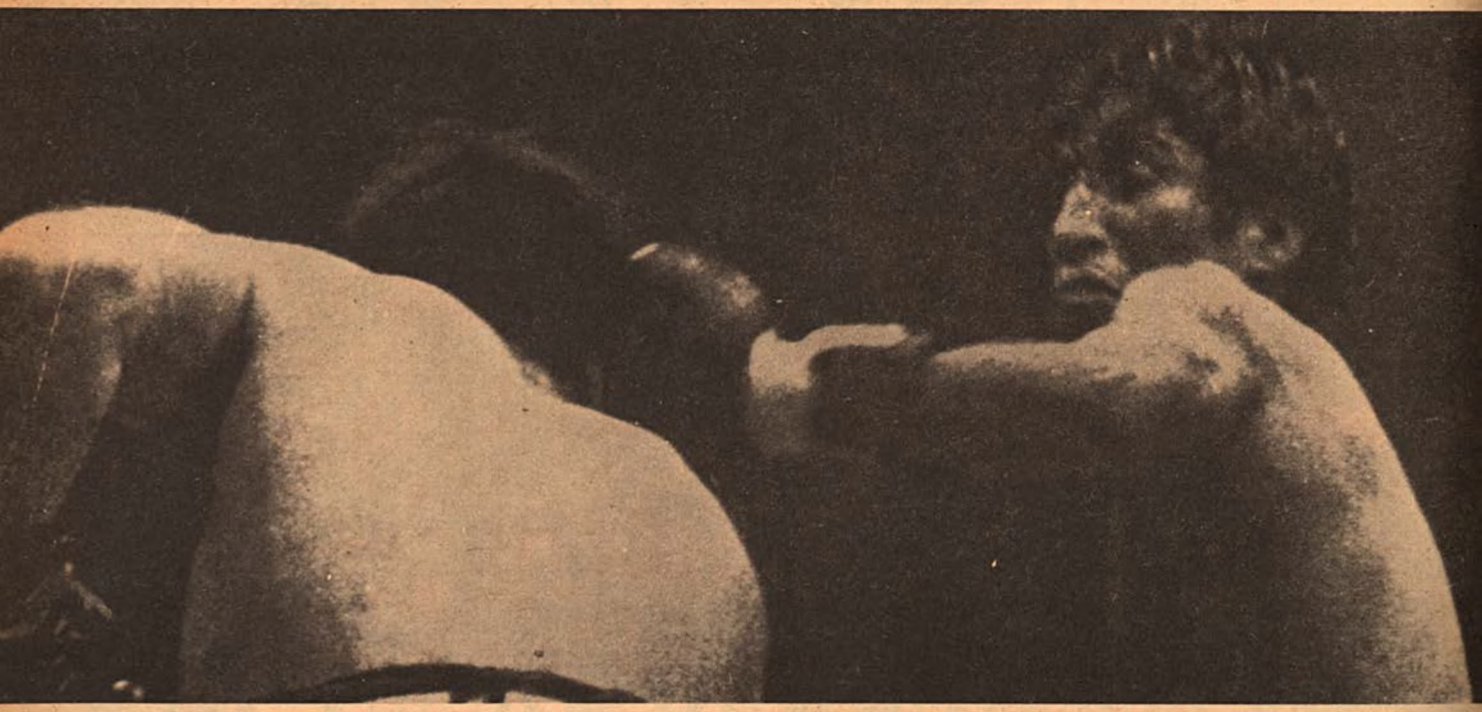
Argentinia's Victor Galindez raises arms in victory after winning WBA light heavyweight championship, in Johannesburg April 7, 1975.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

ITALIAN UDELLA BECOMES FIRST JUNIOR FLY CHAMP

By JACK A. TREE



Valentine Martinez, of Mexico, lands a left hook to the head of Franco Udella, Italy, during their battle in Milan for the world junior flyweight title, a new class in boxing.

MILAN, ITALY — Franco Udella, an Italian from Sardinia, is the champion of a new class — the world junior flyweight. He achieved the title in the twelfth round of his fight here with Mexican Valentine Martinez, by disqualification.

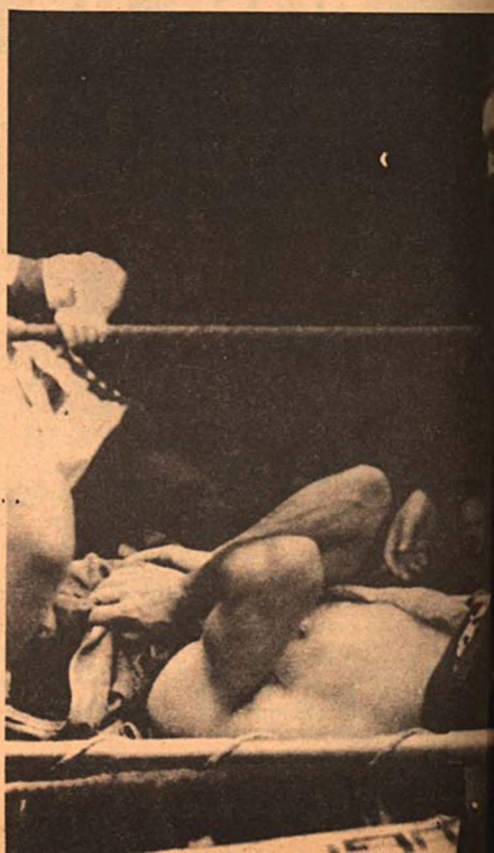
The referee said that Martinez had punched Udella over a kidney and he hollered "Foul" so that he must have been heard in Rome.

Martinez hollered just as loud — "Rank injustice." Only Martinez let the referee have it in pavement Mexican.

Martinez demanded a rematch and it may be that he will get it. There aren't many junior flyweights in the trade.

After the alleged foul Udella was taken to a hospital where a doctor said he had found a red mark over a Udella kidney. There was no wound. Udella was about to dress and go off with his pals to celebrate the winning of a title that will give Muhammad Ali no cause for worry.

It was a noble fight between noble technicians. That Martinez, at 29, qualifies as a junior flyweight would seem to indicate a lack of nutrition in his youth.



Franco Udella leaving the ring after winning the jr. flyweight title via a disqualification in the 12th round of his fight with Martinez on April 4, 1975. A low blow sent Udella to the canvas where the referee awarded him his crown.

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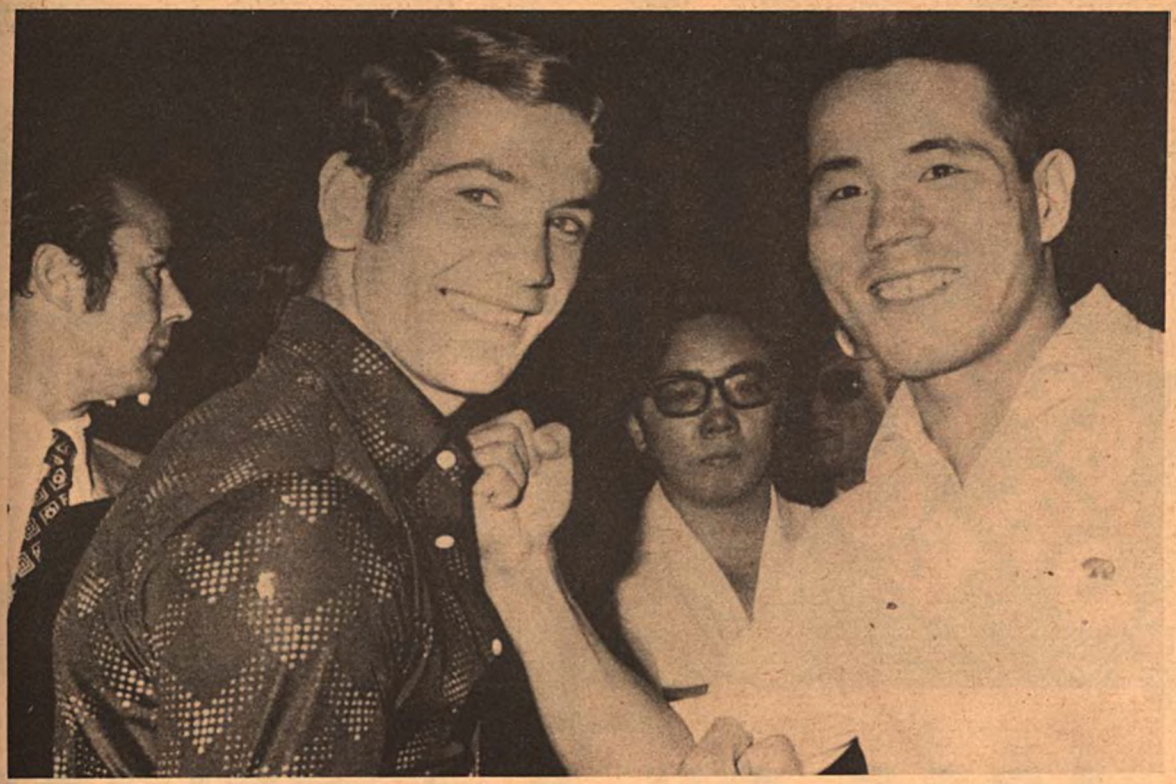
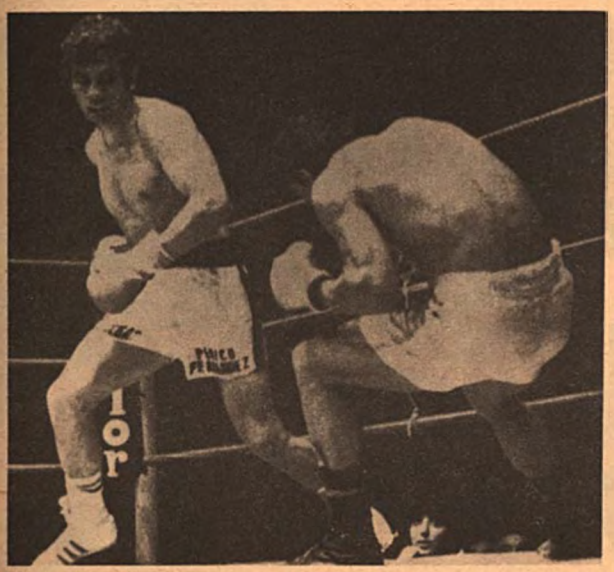
FERNANDEZ IN TROUBLE FOR SIX STOPS HENRIQUE IN NINE

By JACK A. TREE



Perico Fernandez of Spain and Lion Furuyama before their WBC Title Fight in Rome in which Fernandez won a unanimous 15 Round Decision and the Title.



Perico Fernandez, in the first defense of his title throws hard left to Joao Henrique's jaw. Hernandez won the fight by a KO.

BARCELONA, SPAIN — In the ninth round Spanish Pedro Fernandez, who holds the WBC version of the junior welter title, let go with a lethal right and disposed of the aspirations of Joao Henrique, of Brazil.

However, it was a terrific fight because during the first six rounds the challenger was in command.

The titleholder was in trouble in the second and was forced to take a standing eight count.

Fernandez got into the fight in the seventh round and this perhaps traced to the fact that the South American had run out of gas due to his having had to make 140 pounds. Pedro tipped the scale at 139.

Henrique, who fights only seldom, will have to move in among the welters or move out of the game.

The fight drew a packed house and netted the champion a tidy $55,000. That is a lot of money anywhere but especially in Spanish boxing.

The 22 year old Fernandez also will have to give some thought to the fact that he barely can make the junior welter limit. He is muscular and gaining weight.

Fernandez gained the WBC version last September when he beat Lion Furuyama of Japan. His next bout may be against American lightweight champion Ray Lampkin in October.

ALI VS FRAZIER

Joe Frazier, ex-champion. . .will he regain his title?

Muhammad Ali, heavyweight champion of the world. . .is he set for Frazier rematch?

NUMBER 3 SET FOR CAIRO, EGYPT ?

WITH ARAB OIL $ SUPPORT

By DAN DANIEL

COME next fall, very likely in September, conceivably in Cairo, Egypt, Muhammad Ali, heavyweight champion of the world, and Joe Frazier will meet for the third time.

Video Techniques, which televised the Ali-George Foreman bout out of Zaire last October, will perform similar service again. Definite contracts have yet to be signed but negotiations which have been carried on for months are reported to be close to culmination.

Word from the inside has Muhammad getting five million dollars and Frazier three and a half million.

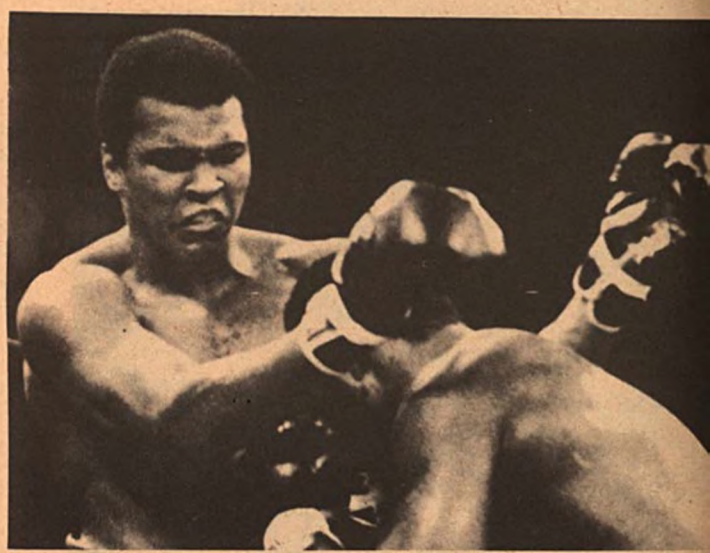
Like Kinshasa in Zaire, Cairo has a soccer stadium all ready for the Big Fight.

On his way to clinch the match, Anwar El Sadat, president of Egypt, had competition of a sort. But his bid backed by the bank of the Arab oil nations, was on top all the way.

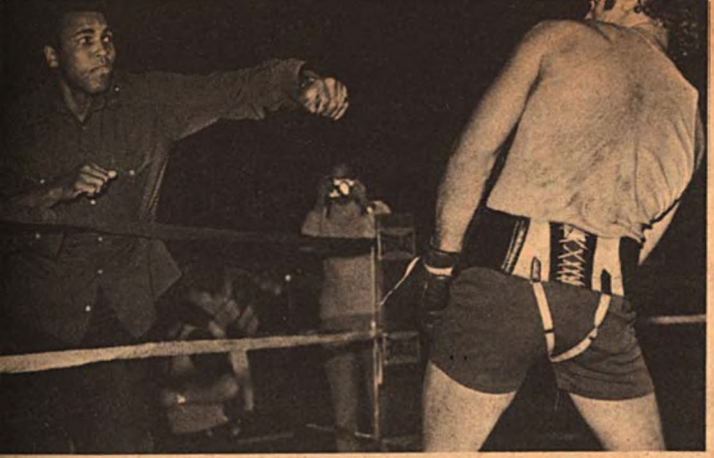
When talks got under way Ali wanted seven million and Joe five. However, Sadat was most persuasive from the start.

The most surprising feature of the bidding was the belated entry of New York's Madison Square Garden.

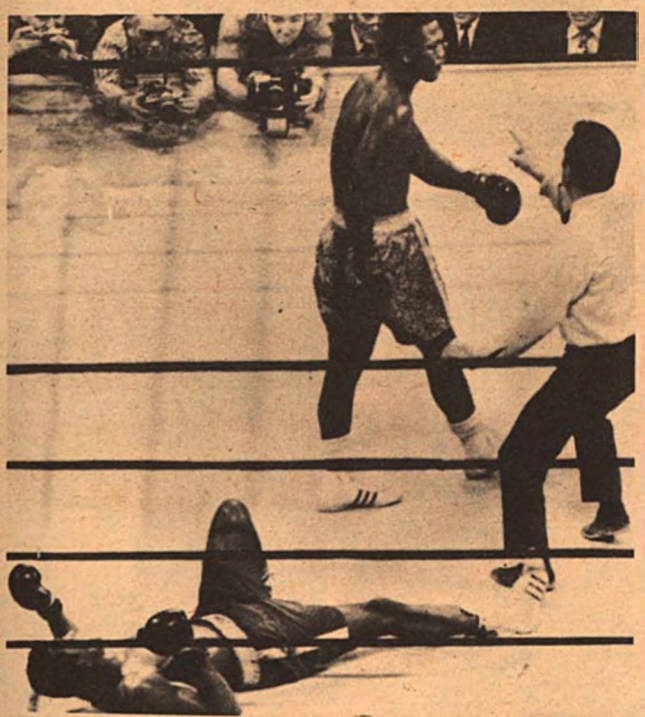
This arena, where the first and second engagements between Ali and Joe were fought, came out with a bid of three million for the champion and a million and a half for Frazier. These figures never had a chance.



Ali and Joe mixing it up during their last fight which took place at Madison Square Garden on January 28, 1974. Ali won a 12 round decision over Frazier, who had lost his title to Foreman.



Muhammad Ali clowning with Joe Bugner of England, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Bugner wants another shot at Ali's title.



Joe Frazier, then the heavyweight champ, the time was 1971, walks away from Ali who is on the canvas in the 15th round of their first fight in Madison Square Garden. Fight was won by Frazier via a unanimous decision.

Ken Norton, who recently defeated Jerry Quarry at the New York Garden has his eye on the much coveted heavyweight crown.

Bob Arum, of Top Rank, put in a bid for the Dominican Republic and was left standing by the roadside.

There was yet another offer, from Toronto, via Irving Ungerman.

When talks got under way, Ali and Herbert Muhammad, his manager, wanted George Foreman in the ring with the champion. But George became absolutely impossible in his demands and was left with his five heavies circus in Toronto.

CBS, which was in the TV picture at the outset, finally dropped out as the entire proposition became unwieldy financially.

What does Sadat want with a fight in the midst of threats of another war with Israel?

Sadat finds it necessary to refurbish Egypt's money situation, tourist attractions would help.

Part of the job has been done with reopening of the Suez Canal.

Now he must restore the tourist income of the Land of the Pharaohs.

Zaire sought the Ali-Foreman fight for publicity. Sadat wants American, British, Scandinavian, German and South American money in the bazaars of Cairo and Alexandria, looking at the pyramids and the sphinx, and sailing in howdahs on the Nile.

In backing Sadat's offer for the fight, the oil nations, notably Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other gougers of the Yankee auto owner, hope that a heavyweight fight will help their own tourism. A fight with a Muslim holding the world title, especially.

Prominent in pressing the tourism advantages of the Fight of the Century is Don King, who put over the match in Zaire.

The fact that the New York Garden had made a bid came in an

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NORTON'S FILM DEBUT GIVES KEN A SECOND PROFESSION

Ken Norton in an idle moment on the set of "Mandingo," in which he plays the part of a very "volitile" slave.

Perry King, left, giving instructions to his favorite slave, Ken Norton, as the slave prepares to do battle for his master.

Ken Norton (kneeling) slugging it out with another slave at a New Orleans brothel as his master Perry King watches from steps. At right we see Norton, left, fighting it out to the death with another slave.

When heavyweight contender Ken Norton went into the Madison Square Garden ring in New York with Jerry Quarry recently he hadn't quite made up his mind about which way to turn.

If he lost to Quarry, he decided he would concentrate on a career in the movies. He had made his film debut in a Paramount picture called "Mandingo" and had been told that he had done well.

If Ken disposed of Quarry, he would face the option of continuing as a heavyweight title possibility. Then, too, there was the chance to go on fighting and to continue with occasional calls to Hollywood.

That is how it will be, chances to act in the movies, chances to make his fistic position stronger in the direction of succeeding Muhammad Ali as the heavyweight champion of the world.

Norton has had two fights with Ali. He beat him and broke his jaw in their first engagement. In the second, only a twelfth round rally by Muhammad saved him from a second beating. Now Ken is in line for a third match with Muhammad.

Norton's debut in the films was made in a picture the scene of which is chiefly a Louisiana plantation called Falconhurst, near Baton Rouge. The time of the action is before the Civil War, around 1840. The plantation really is a breeding farm for slaves. The place is run by father and son.

James Mason plays the father and Perry King the son.

Falconhurst acquires Norton, named Mede in the film, by purchase in a slave market in New Orleans. His victory over another fighting slave in the court yard of a New Orleans brothel brings his fistic skill to the notice of the son, and Norton's rating grows speedily. So does Norton's rating as an actor.

The film is not for showing in Sunday

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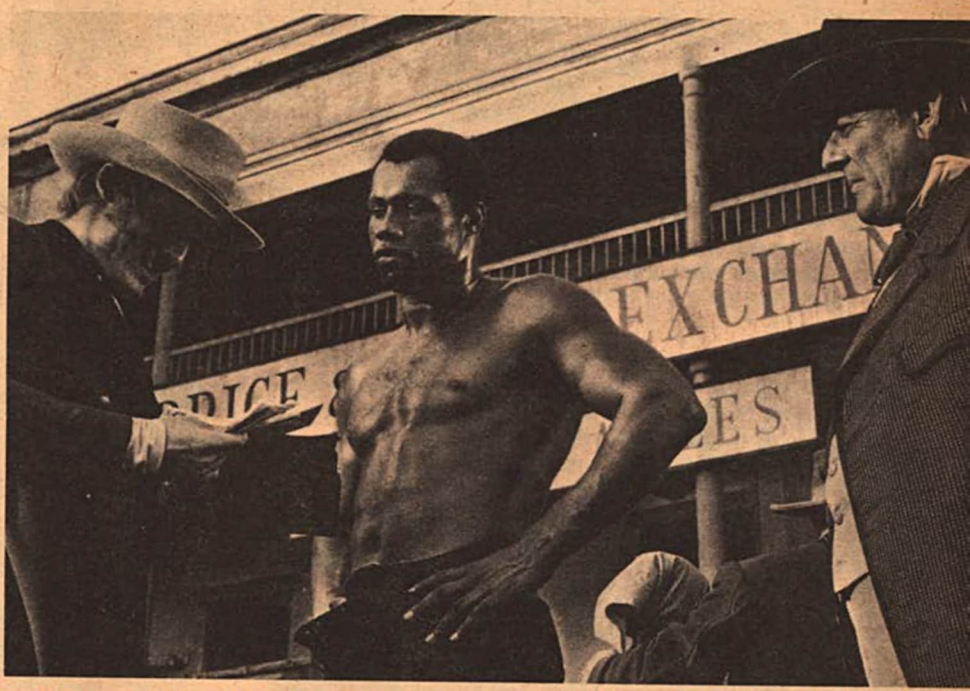


Perry King, left, has just bought Norton as a slave as the auctioneer looks on. Norton isn't too happy at his future.

Actress Barbara Sykes stands in wagon as Perry King plays with baby and Ken Norton takes a look to see what trouble is coming along the road for him.

FOREMAN'S CONFIDENCE GONE, FORMER CHAMPION'S CIRCUS TURNS INTO BURLESQUE

Is Foreman wide open? Boone Kirkman, Renton, Washington, landing a left to George's jaw during their three round exhibition in Toronto. Kirkman went the full three rounds with the ex-champ.

By DAN DANIEL

IN HIS circus performance in Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Canada, George Foreman, who briefly held the world heavyweight championship, faced five mediocre fighters in the ring and the current world title holder as a ringside troublemaker.

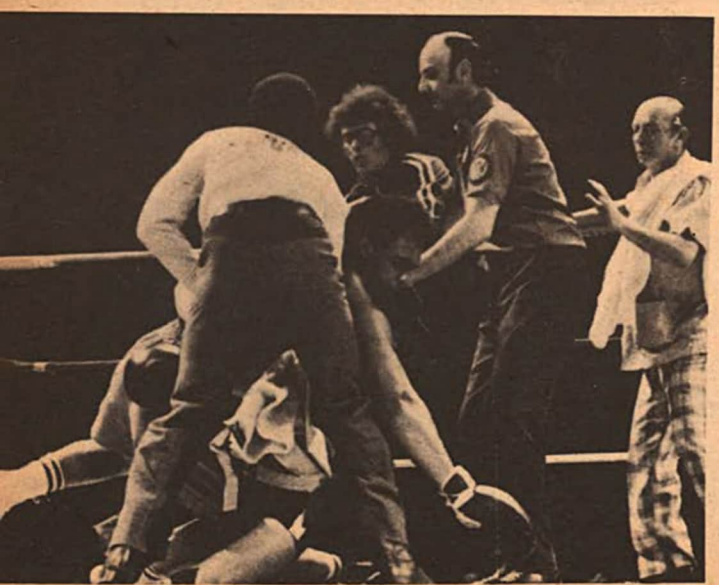
Foreman forgot to take his little boy's blanket into the ring with him and he was too busy "fighting" the five "opponents" and overcoming the disturbance created by the No. 6 entry, Muhammad Ali, to make himself look much better than a stiff himself.

Ali, who had been hired to do the "color" job for ABC television, upset Foreman so badly with his shouting and would-be coaching of the five stiffs that the demonstration became an out and out travesty.

If Foreman had had a chance to fight Ali a second time, such a chance is now slimmer than ever. George should take a long vacation and decide if he should continue to be a pugilist.

The alleged bout with forty-year-old Alonzo Johnson was stop-

Wrestling anybody? Everyone chips in to pull Foreman off Jerry Judge, of Philadelphia, the second man to face George in the five man circus. The Judge was put on ice!



Here we see Muhammad Ali, color commentator for ABC, and George Foreman going through what has become a ritual, a verbal battle, before the exhibitions began.

ped in the second round.

The second "exhibition," with Jerry Judge, also was halted in the second round.

The No. 3 mess, with 195-pound Terry Daniels, did not last two heats. It was stopped, for some reason resumed, and found Foreman taking a swipe at Terry when it was supposed to be all over.

The last two "exhibitions," with Charley Polite and Boone Kirkman, went the scheduled three rounds each.

Foreman, who weighed 232 pounds, had apparently done no training at all and was suffering from fatigue after the third joke.

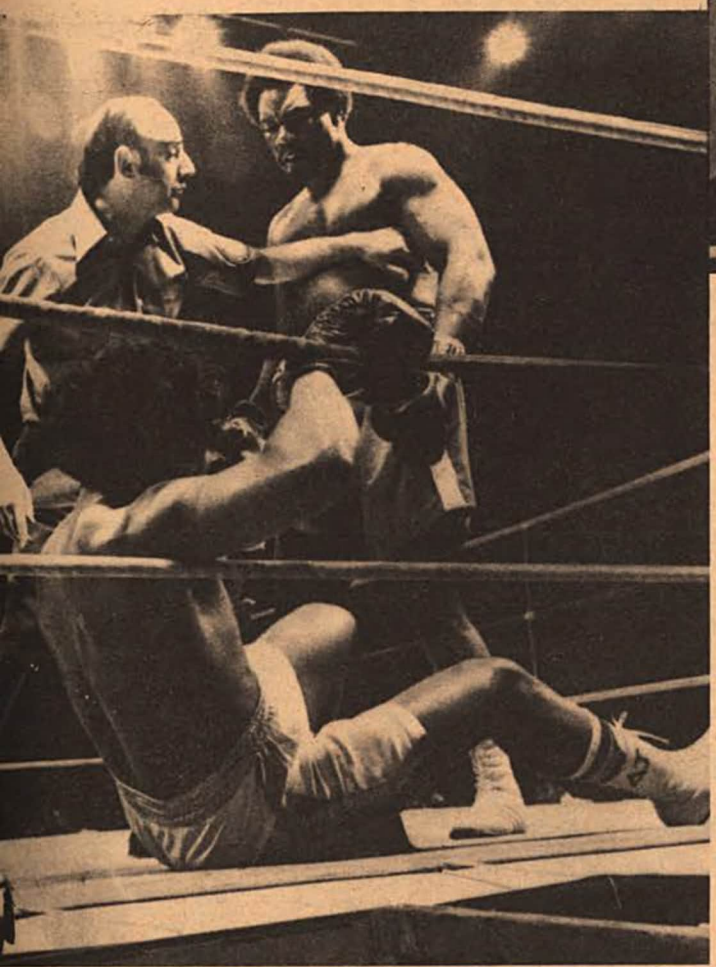
It was the blackest mark suffered by boxing in many years.

There may have been 4,000 customers in the Gardens and they hooted, laughed, threw whatever came handy into the ring, and did their best to turn the event into a bad burlesque.

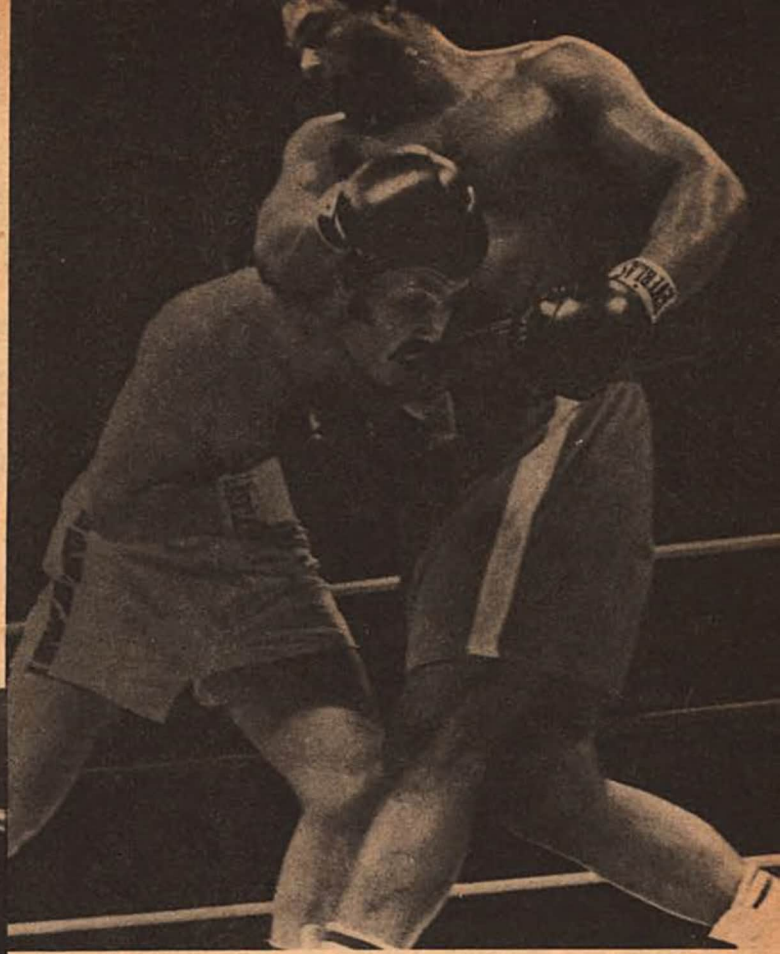
Part of the blame falls on ABC for hiring Ali to station himself at the ringside and keep shouting distractions at Foreman.

It was noted that Sandy Saddler and Archie Moore no longer were in Foreman's corner. George was attended by John Gray, a veteran trainer.

To detail the knockdowns, shoves, wrestling interludes and other ridiculous "decorations" of the five so-called exhibitions would be wasting white paper.

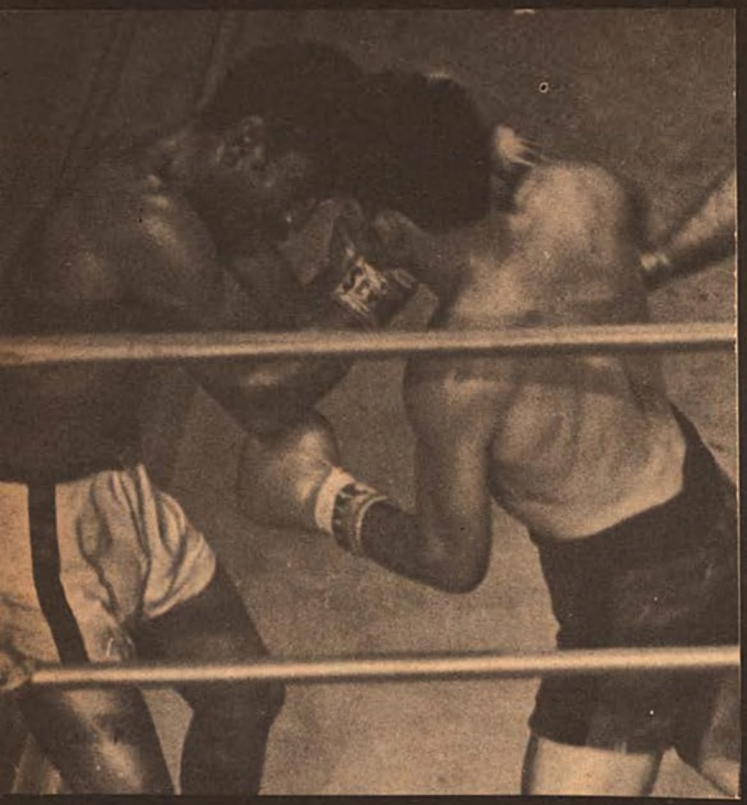


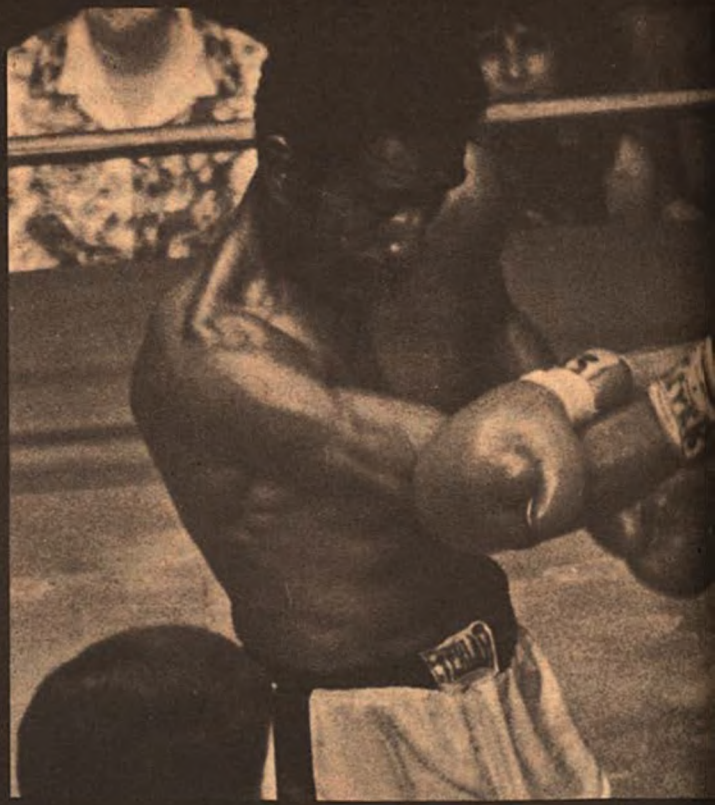
First up and first down! Alonzo Johnson finished for the night in the second round as Foreman is held back by the referee.



Texas Terry Daniels went less than two rounds with an out-of-shape Foreman as one of five exhibitions which proved absolutely nothing except that show biz is here to stay.

At news conference prior to the "big" event George Foreman and the man behind him, Don King, the new impressario of the video age of boxing.





Robles Victory Over Mundine Gives Him Visions of Title

By ROBERT MOSS

RUDY ROBLES has lived in Los Angeles since he was 12 years old. He does youth work and teaches boxing in L.A. All of his friends live here. So does his family.

So why can't he get a fight here? And why did he have to go all the way to Australia for his most important fight?

Robles, or "The Rebel," as he is called, is the invisible man of Los Angeles boxing. He is one of the best fighters in the middleweight division. But for several years now, no one in the City of the Angels has seen him. He is a story that is happening right under the town's nose. A stranger in what should be a very familiar land.

It wasn't always that way. In fact, he won 19 straight fights in Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium. But then there were major hassles over money with the Olympic's matchmaker, Aileen Eaton, and some minor disagreements concerning publicity. Robles' manager, Rudy Montoya, had a decision to make. He says:

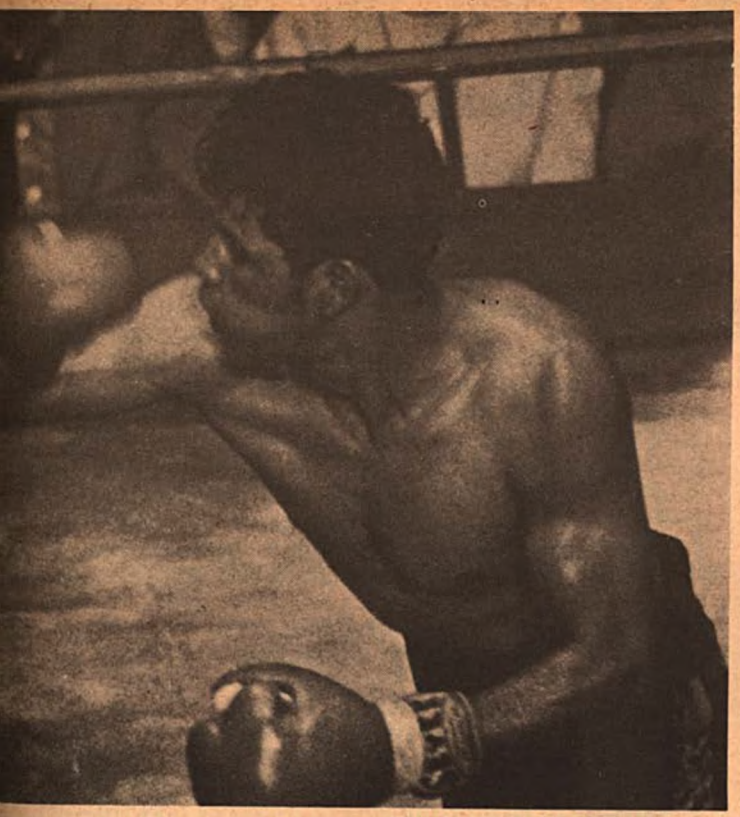
"Rudy had won the regional Golden Gloves here twice, he had won 19 fights and beaten some pretty good veterans like Cipriano Hernandez, Ronnie Wilson and Al Stankie. Rudy had become a top-notch fighter and he should have been paid like one.

"Then there was the publicity. I should say the publicity he wasn't getting. Fighters who didn't have the kind of record that Rudy did were getting the big buildup from the Olympic. Rudy? You might not have known that he was alive."

"Rudy Robles," said Howie Steindler, a member of the inner circle of Los Angeles boxing "has tremendous talent and potential. The fans liked him fine when he was winning all the time at the Olympic in 1970 and '71. But it's true. The fighters that the fans here really go wild over are the ones who come from Mexico. It's got something to do with nationalistic fervor."

As Montoya tells it, it seems that the Olympic had offered to buy Robles' contract but the manager, who is Robles' uncle, refused.

Mrs. Eaton denies that there was ever a deal that she knew of to obtain Robles' contract.



Left to Right Rudy Robles, puts left to mid section of George Davis. Rudy aggressive style is evident in middle photo, Robles unleashes his heavy guns and down goes George Davis for the count. This was Robles last fight in the Olympic.

"I know of no deal by anybody associated with the Olympic to buy Robles' contract," she said, and added that at the time Robles and his manager were not offered fights at the Olympic because, "They were asking too much money."

The figure quoted by Montoya for his fighter at the time of the dispute was $2500.

Whether Los Angeles fans will see Robles again is uncertain but one thing is sure, his international stature has risen considerably, and his services will no doubt cost a promoter much more than $2500.

In February he surprised all but himself, Montoya, his father and a few believers, when he won a unanimous decision over Tony Mundine though he had to travel to far off Brisbane, Australia, to do it.

The victory put him in line for a bout with Gratien Tonna, the Frenchman who extended WBC champion, Rodrigo Valdez, last year.

The fight with Tonna, scheduled for Paris, was postponed when Robles suffered an eye infection. When the two meet, the winner has been promised a shot at Valdez' WBC crown.

"Maybe it sounds conceited of me," said Robles, a ruggedly handsome youth who will turn 22 in June, "But I don't think there is a middleweight in the world who can beat me. Tonna, Valdez, Monzon. It makes no difference. I feel that I can do in the ring just about anything I want to do and it doesn't matter who's in there with me. Oooh! I get excited thinking about it. I'm good!"

Robles is good as his record of 28-2 would indicate. He once fought as a southpaw but now he is a switch-hitter. He adapts his style in the ring to that of his opponent. He has long arms and is a stylish boxer who can bang with either hand and is a particularly devastating body puncher. He has never been knocked down and denies that any opponent has ever hurt him with a punch. This might be because of a rather unique training regimen his father puts him through which in addition to the regular training grind also includes running two miles uphill every morning, shadow boxing holding weights of two and a half pounds each, and lifting weights with his neck. This has resulted in Robles developing a near perfect physique. His 17 inch neck, he says, is the reason he can absorb punches so well.

If Robles has any serious weaknesses they would be a boxing style in which he holds his hands low, a la early Ali who he admired as a youngster and perhaps the lack of a true killer instinct as evidenced by his inability in recent fights to finish an opponent after having hurt or floored him.

In Robles' most recent three fights he knocked his rival down but couldn't stop him. Robles, at least one time, had a tendency to underestimate a rival. This led to a certain lack of mental toughness and almost ruined his career.

The Rebel had his last fight at the Olympic in early '73 stopping George Davis. Montoya had thought that it might be good for Robles to get away from the Olympic, feeling that Rudy might be able to develop the kind of following away from home that he had not been able to attract in Los Angeles. But it did not work out that way and fights became increasingly hard to find.

He ran his string of victories to 22, fighting in Las Vegas

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—**GEORGE FOREMAN,** Hayward, Calif.
2—**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
4—**JOE BUGNER,** England
5—**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
6—**JIMMY YOUNG,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**BUNNY JOHNSON,** England
8—**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
9—**EARNIE SHAVERS,** Warren, Ohio
10—**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**JOHN CONTEH,** England
2—**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
3—**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
4—**JORGE AHUMADA,** Argentina
5—**ALVARO LOPEZ,** Stockton, Calif.
6—**RICHIE KATES,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**AVENAMAR PERALTA,** Argentina
8—**TOM BETHEA,** New York, N.Y.
9—**BOBBY CASSIDY,** Brentwood, N.Y.
10—**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
2—**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.
3—**VITO ANTUOFERMO,** Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—**GRATIEN TONNA,** France
5—**KEVIN FINNEGAN,** England
6—**GEORGE COOPER,** Oakland, Calif.
7—**BOBBY WATTS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**RUDY ROBLES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
10—**EDDIE GREGORY,** New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
1—**ELISHA OBED,** Nassau, Bahamas
2—**JOSE DURAN,** Spain
3—**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
4—**MAURICE HOPE,** England
5—**OSCAR ALVARADO,** Uvalde, Texas
6—**CARLOS MARKS,** Trinidad, W.I.
7—**MIKE BAKER,** Spartanburg, S.C.
8—**RAMON MENDEZ,** Argentina
9—**MIGUEL CASTELLINI,** Argentina
10—**ECKHART DAGGE,** Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
2—**JOHN STRACEY,** England
3—**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico
4—**ARMANDO MUNIZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
6—**JOHNNY GANT,** Washington, D.C.
7—**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.
8—**ALFONSO HAYMAN,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**LUIS LARA ACOSTA,** Venezuela
10—**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.

VICTOR GALINDEZ FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PICKING the Fighter of the Month was no fun. There was battling in the rings hither and yon and it was tough to designate the leader.

It finally was decided to name Victor Galindez, Argentine light heavy, as the Fighter of the Month on the basis of his success against Pierre Fourie, South African light heavy.

Victor is the WBA champion of the 175s, in opposition to John Conteh the WBC notion of class leadership and apparently never the twain shall meet.

Galindez had no easy time landing the Fighter of the Month designation.

One of the contenders was Kuniaki Shibata, junior lightweight and leading gate attraction in Japan. He beat Makhloufi and did the job well.

Another bidder for the designation was fly Erbito Salvarria, credited with a victory over Japan's Susuma Hanagata.

We do not stop there. Hector Thompson of Australia, who beat Lion Fujiyama in the junior welters, also figured.

A cheer for Tony Licata, who made up for his loss to Ramon Mendez by beating him and moving into talk of a fight with Monzon.

What happened among the heavies? Not a thing except talk. The third Ali-Frazier fight came out of the miasma of conversation and apparently landed in the lap of the Sphinx. Chuck Wepner apparently got a pay day with Ken Norton, and Earnie Shavers moved up to No. 9 over Chuck.

Shibata moved into No. 1 contender among the junior lightweights.

The Ring was confronted with the question as to whether the newly instituted junior flyweight class was entitled to recognition. It was decided that the mites would not be listed but would be invited to grow into the fly division and, if possible, the banties.

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 15, 1975

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
2—**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
3—**PEDRO FERNANDEZ,** Spain
4—**MONROE BROOKS,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**TONY PETRONELLI,** Brockton, Mass.
6—**LEONCIO ORTIZ,** Mexico
7—**TONI ORTIZ,** Spain
8—**EMILIANO VILLA,** Colombia
9—**HECTOR MATTA,** Puerto Rico
10—**FRANKIE BENITEZ,** Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
2—**ISHIMATSU SUZUKI,** Japan
3—**ANGEL MAYORAL,** Las Vegas, Nev.
4—**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
5—**HUGO BARRAZA,** Colombia
6—**SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN,** Thailand
7—**ARTURO PINEDA,** Mexico
8—**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
9—**HECTOR MEDINA,** Puerto Rico
10—**RUDY BARRO,** Philippines

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
2—**SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN,** Norway
3—**TYRONE EVERETT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**RAY LUNNY III,** San Francisco, Calif.
5—**SAMUEL SERRANO,** Puerto Rico
6—**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
7—**APOLLO YOSHIO,** Japan
8—**ALFREDO ESCALERA,** Puerto Rico
9—**JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE,** France
10—**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
2—**ALEXIS ARGUELLO,** Nicaragua
3—**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
4—**ART HAFEY,** Canada
5—**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
6—**SHIG FUKUYAMA,** Japan
7—**RIGOBERTO RIASCO,** Panama
8—**ROYAL KOBAYASHI,** Japan
9—**ELIO COTINA,** Italy
10—**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALFONSO ZAMORA, Mexico
1—**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
2—**SOO HWAN HONG,** Korea
3—**ROMEO ANAYA,** Mexico
4—**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
5—**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa
6—**BENICIO SOSA,** Argentina
7—**CARLOS ZARATE,** Mexico
8—**EUSEBO PEDROZA,** Panama
9—**ANDRES HERNANDEZ,** Puerto Rico
10—**DAVE NEEDHAM,** England

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
1—**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
2—**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
3—**THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI,** Thailand
4—**SHOJI OGUMA,** Japan
5—**IGNACIO ESPINOZA,** Dominican Rep.
6—**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
7—**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico
8—**CECIL ESCOBIDO,** Philippines
9—**FRANCO SPERTI,** Italy
10—**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland

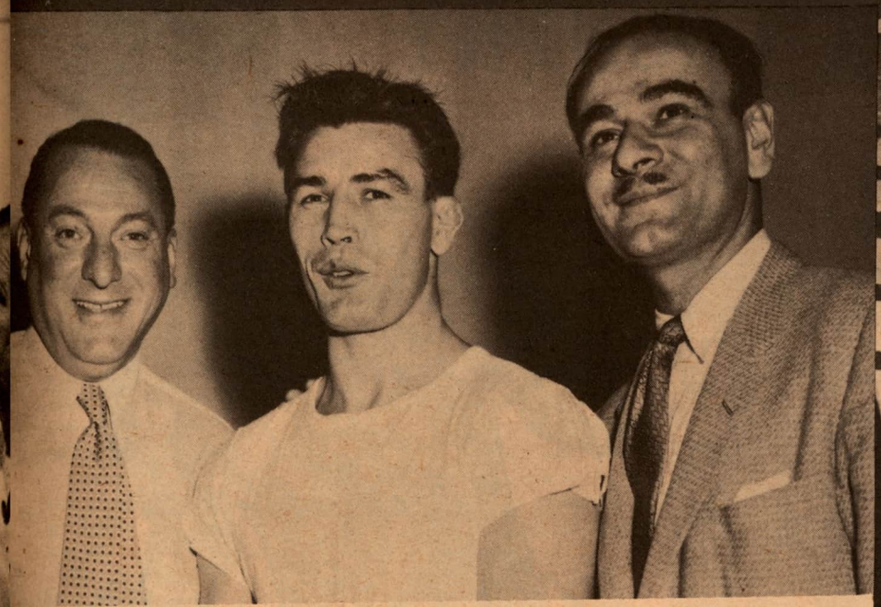
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jean-Pierre Coopmans Belgium	9/73	18	15	3	0	10
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Larry Castaneda Albuquerque, N.M.	11/74	5	5	0	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Mike Colbert Portland, Ore.	7/74	5	5	0	0	3
WELTERWEIGHT						
Clarence Hammick Portland, Ore.	7/74	5	5	0	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Maurice Watkins Houston, Texas	5/74	9	9	0	0	5
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Gerry Duffy England	2/74	6	6	0	0	4
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Jackie Bihin France	2/73	7	7	0	0	5
FLYWEIGHT						
Carlos Osorio Colombia	6/71	19	10	6	3	2

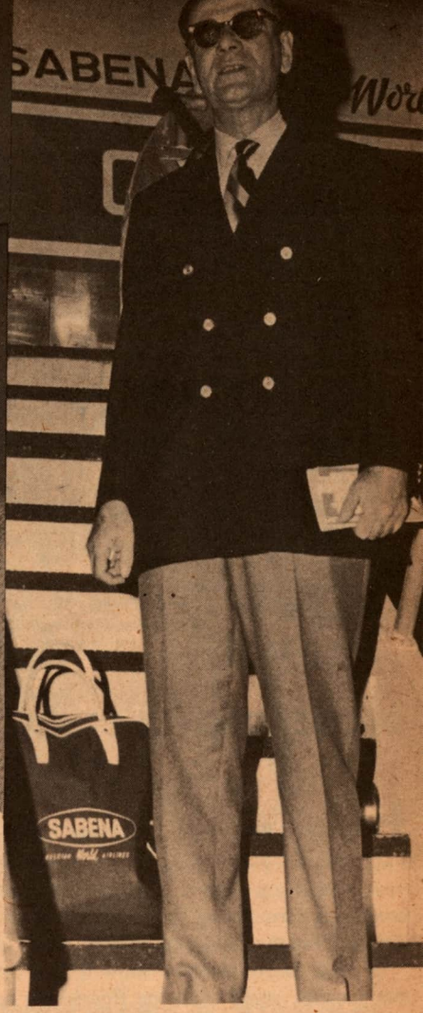
A WHITE LIE MADE A NEW FIGHT PROMOTER

George Kanter, successful fight promoter for 27 years, his aggressiveness and tenacity have won him boxing fame and fortune the world over.

Kanter (Center) looks on as Amilcar Brusa tapes the hands of world middleweight champion Carlos Monzon.



Kanter (Right) with Langlois prior to Pierre's middleweight title fight with Carl "Bobo" Olson, (Left) Langlois' manager, Jean Bretonnel. Langlois lost bout on a butt and Kanter was almost suspended for life.



George Kanter, international boxing representative poses for photographers before leaving on recent flight.

Kanter looks on as actress Zee Zee Martine gives Pierre Langlois, French lightweight contender, a kiss after his controversial fight with Carl (Bobo) Olson.

Kanter (Center) has a few laughs in Paris airport with WBC middleweight champ Rodrigo Valdez. Chino Govin, Valdez' trainer finds things hilarious.

By BOB GOODMAN

"IT'S sad," says George Kanter of New York, who logs more air miles than any international booker of boxing talent in the world today. "But, unfortunately true. The United States is no longer the place for the boxers of the world to make money."

Kanter, a respected and keen boxing man for the past 27 years, knows what he's talking about because it's his business to know where to get the dollars for both young championship hopefuls and crowd pleasing opponents as well.

"I remember just wanting to be in boxing in some way," recalls Kanter, a stylishly dressed man of 59, who speaks with a slight French accent. "I was going to Chillon College on Lake Geneva in Switzerland and they had a good boxing team, which I immediately joined as a lightweight.

"I was successful enough to be undefeated in some 46 bouts over my three-year span. I couldn't punch worth a damn but was a good boxer who ran like a thief when I was in trouble."

After college, Kanter went back home, which was Belgium. Being a "fight nut," he trained with the professionals in Belgium, who had a good pro team with two European champs.

"It was a great experience for me," smiled Kanter. "Even though I wasn't boxing, I got to travel with the team throughout Europe, meeting many fine boxing people."

Born in Long Beach, Long Island, of European parents, Kanter moved back to the United States when World War II broke out in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Army serving as a field artillery sergeant. Naturally, his outfit wound up back in Europe, where he stayed until the war was over.

Back in the States after the war, Marcel Cerdan, whom Kanter had seen fight in Europe, was making a hit here.

"I thought of the great potential of these European fighters over here and knowing so many boxing people around the world, why shouldn't I get into boxing?" Kanter asked himself.

"It was 1948 and I decided to go to Madison Square Garden and talk to the promoter, whom I heard of to be Mike Jacobs. There was this Belgian who had beaten Cerdan by the name of Cyrille Delannoit, who could fight Ray Robinson and buck the coming Cerdan-Zale fight, which was being done by the Tournament of Champions.

"I walked upstairs to the Garden office and asked for Mr. Jacobs."

"He's out sick for awhile but Mr. Strauss is looking after things while he's gone. Maybe he can help," said the receptionist.

"I guess he was curious because he saw me and I gave him my proposal," Kanter remembers.

"Great kid," said Strauss. "We'll kill Cerdan-Zale at the gate. Go and get Delannoit."

"After three weeks of negotiations the Belgian manager decided to stay in Europe."

Kanter went back and told Strauss his tale of woe with conviction, ready to retire from his boxing career before it began.

"I like you and you should stay in boxing," said Strauss, making Kanter feel like a new man.

"Could you get Robert Villemain for LaMotta?" he asked the neophyte.

"Villemain's manager is a good friend of mine," Kanter lied, not daring to take the risk of blowing his second chance.

Now Kanter had to figure out how to find out who was Villemain's manager without being discovered for telling the white lie.

"I sent a cable to the big Paris newspaper, France Soir," laughed Kanter. "I addressed it to the Manager — Robert Villemain. Offered match with LaMotta in U.S. and gave my name and number.

"A couple of days later I got a call from a man by the name of Jean Bretonnel, who was Villemain's man.

"I'm interested in the match," he said. "But who exactly are you?"

"For some reason that escapes me, I told him the truth."

"You're my man," said Bretonnel, surprising Kanter. "I've had many offers from promoters and professional managers in the States but have been afraid of losing my fighter. Go ahead and make the match."

Eventually, Steve Belloise substituted for LaMotta and Villemain lost the decision but won the hearts of many fans as he fought his heart out with his face sliced to ribbons. He received 27 stitches but the fight made him and George Kanter.

From then on, 1949, Kanter brought the majority of Europeans to the United States. In one period of 10 days, he had three of the

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PHILLY BUSIEST FIGHT CENTRE IN COUNTRY AS NEW YORK SLIPS?

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — There are more fighters in the Philadelphia gyms than at any time during the past ten years. Madison Square Garden's decision to deemphasize boxing by terminating its Felt Forum farm system has made Philadelphia the capital of boxing on the East Coast.

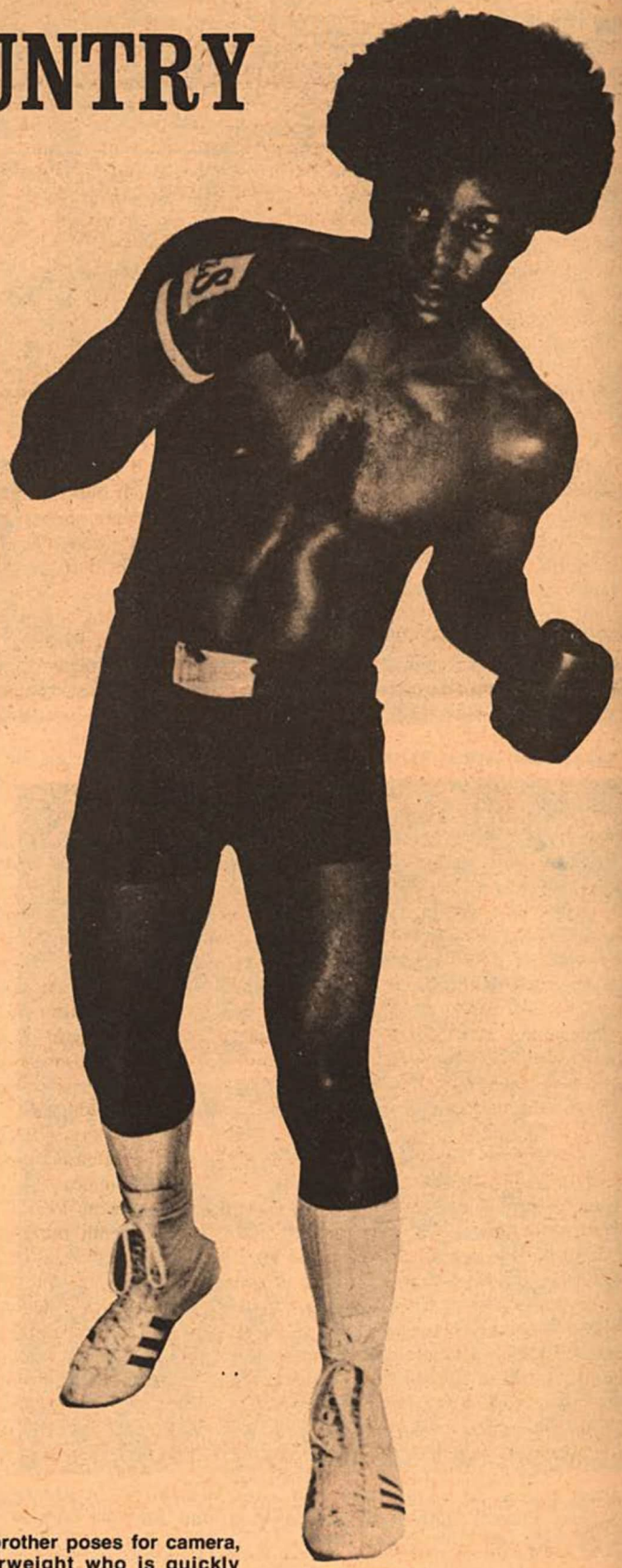
With a major monthly show at the Spectrum serving as the nucleus, small clubs are flourishing not only here but in neighboring communities such as Camden, Wilmington and Upper Darby. It is not surprising to see some fresh Philadelphia faces among the world rated ringmen.

Four young boxers moving steadily in the direction of a title shot are light heavyweight Richie Kates, welter Alfonso Hayman and the sensational brother team of Tyrone and Mike Everett.

The older, and at this time, the more advanced of the Everett Brothers, is junior lightweight Tyrone. Undefeated in twenty three professional bouts, this brilliant southpaw broke into the world rankings by shellacking Sammy Goss. The victory also earned him Ring's 130 pound United States title.

Since the Goss match, Tyrone's performances have been hot and cold. Against Australian prospect Blakeney Matthews and Mexican journeyman Jose Luis Madrid, he turned tiger and scored knockouts number twelve and thirteen in less than two rounds apiece. Then came Philippine veteran Bert Nabalatan whose iron jawed determination transformed Everett once again into a hit and run artist. Tyrone won with ease but failed to impress his growing legion of followers.

Tyrone has all the tools. Speed, balance, punch and above all fantastically quick reflexes. He has not only won all of



Mike Everett, Tyrone's brother poses for camera, Mike is a junior welterweight who is quickly catching up to brother Tyrone.

his bouts but practically every round as well.

Trainer and co-manager Jimmy Arthur is one of Tyrone's biggest assets. A naturally gifted teacher, Arthur trained horses, dogs and even fighting cocks before turning to boxers.

Tyrone's expanded ego and ever busy mouth spell good box office and if he can find the ring confidence to match his exceptional talent Philadelphia will have another world champion.

Mike Everett, a muscular, flamboyant junior welterweight was rapidly closing the gap between his brother and himself when he ran into Johnny Copeland at the Spectrum.

A friendly extrovert outside the ring, Mike becomes an arrogant roughneck once the bell rings. Blessed with the same inborn abilities as his brother, Mike puts them to use in an entirely different manner. He pushes, spins and bullies his opponents. Instead of straight textbook punches like Tyrone delivers, Mike wings haymakers from every conceivable angle.

It was Mike's brash style that led to his downfall against Copeland. Everett had a picnic the first two rounds, hammering Copeland from one end of the ring to another.

Johnny stayed calm and early in the third planted a short right hand smack on Mike's fully exposed jaw. The Philadelphian went down hard but roared back to have his antagonist on the deck twice in the following frame.

The next two rounds Mike let go with everything he had in a vain attempt to put across a finishing blow. Copeland covered up the best he could and waited for Everett to punch himself out.

Another right turned Mike's legs to jello in the seventh and referee Charlie Sgrillo jumped in and stopped the fight. Many felt that Sgrillo's action was a bit premature and Philly fight buffs are anxiously awaiting a rematch.

Until the Copeland disaster Mike had been rolling right along. 1974 saw him revenge his only other loss by stopping Ronald "Bo" Whyms and score a pair of wins over the highly regarded Tim "Blue" Walker to bring his overall record to 12-2-1.

Mike trains in the friendly atmosphere of Nick Belfiore's Juniper Gym. Located in the heart of South Philadelphia, the Juniper Gym is currently one of boxing's most fertile breeding grounds. Light heavy Matthew Franklin, junior lightweight Alfonso Evans and junior middle Archie Andrews are but three of Juniper's promising youngsters.

Belfiore, whose gruff exterior camouflages one of boxing's nicest personalities, thinks Mike has a great future ahead of him. "Look, the fans like Mike because he gives them action. He's so strong I let him box light heavyweights in the gym. He has a few problems but I think I've got an eventual champ here."

World rated light heavyweight Richie Kates is a fighter without a hometown. A resident of Bridgeton, New Jersey, Richie has fought in Philadelphia often but never really caught on with the hard to please paying public. He has always been a competent performer but seldom an exciting one.

Despite the fact that 15 of his 28 wins have come via stoppage, Kates is not a true power puncher. Most of his knockouts were early in his career against moderate opposition. A fine defense and a quick pair of hands always have been Richie's best attributes.

Kates' single loss was to Eddie "Red Top" Owens in 1972. Ownes wore him down with a body attack for a seventh round technical knockout. Richie evened the score with a points win over Owens the following year and has gone undefeated in his most recent eleven starts.

Kates has traveled the East Coast circuit winning fights in New York, Boston, Washington DC, Baltimore, Wilmington and Atlantic City. A trip to Durban, South Africa in July of 1974 resulted in a four-round knockout over James Methea.

With triumphs over such well known fighters as Don Fullmer, Jose Gonzalez, Len Hutchinson and Jimmy Dupree co-managers Bonnie Coccaro and Joe Gramby feel Kates deserves a shot at either John Conteh or Victor Galindez in 1975. They present a good case.

The latest Philadelphia name to pop up in the top ten is welter-

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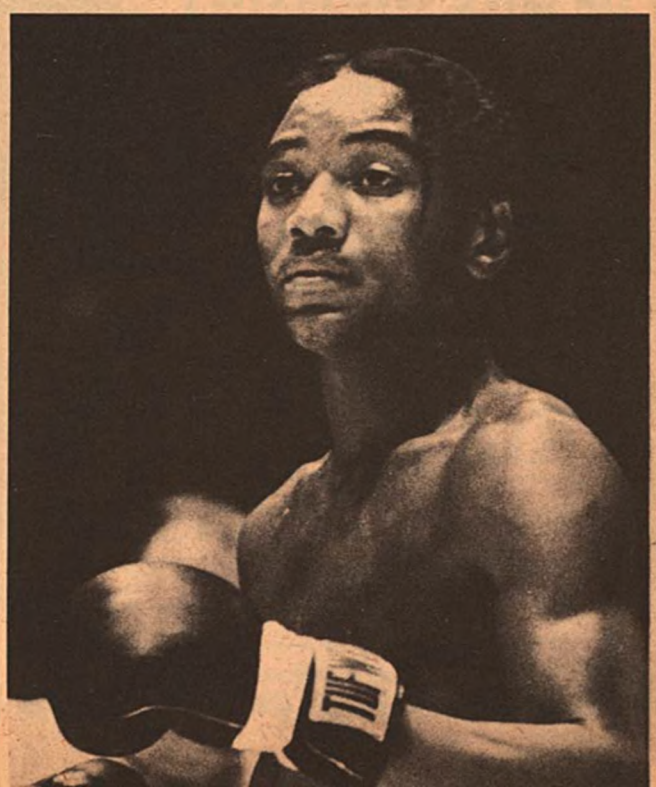
(Above) Former light heavyweight champ Tommy Loughran represents the VBA, awarding Richie Kates the Philadelphia boxer of the year award. (Below) Tyrone Everett, South Philadelphia featherweight is looking for shot at title.



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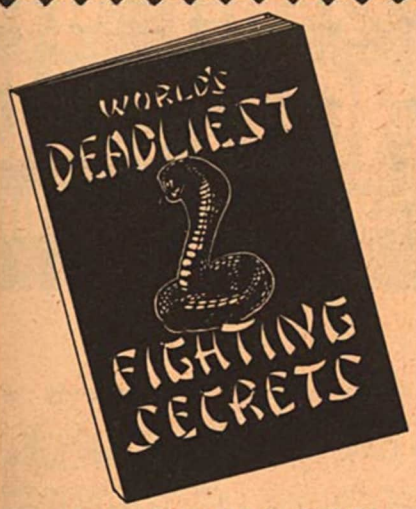

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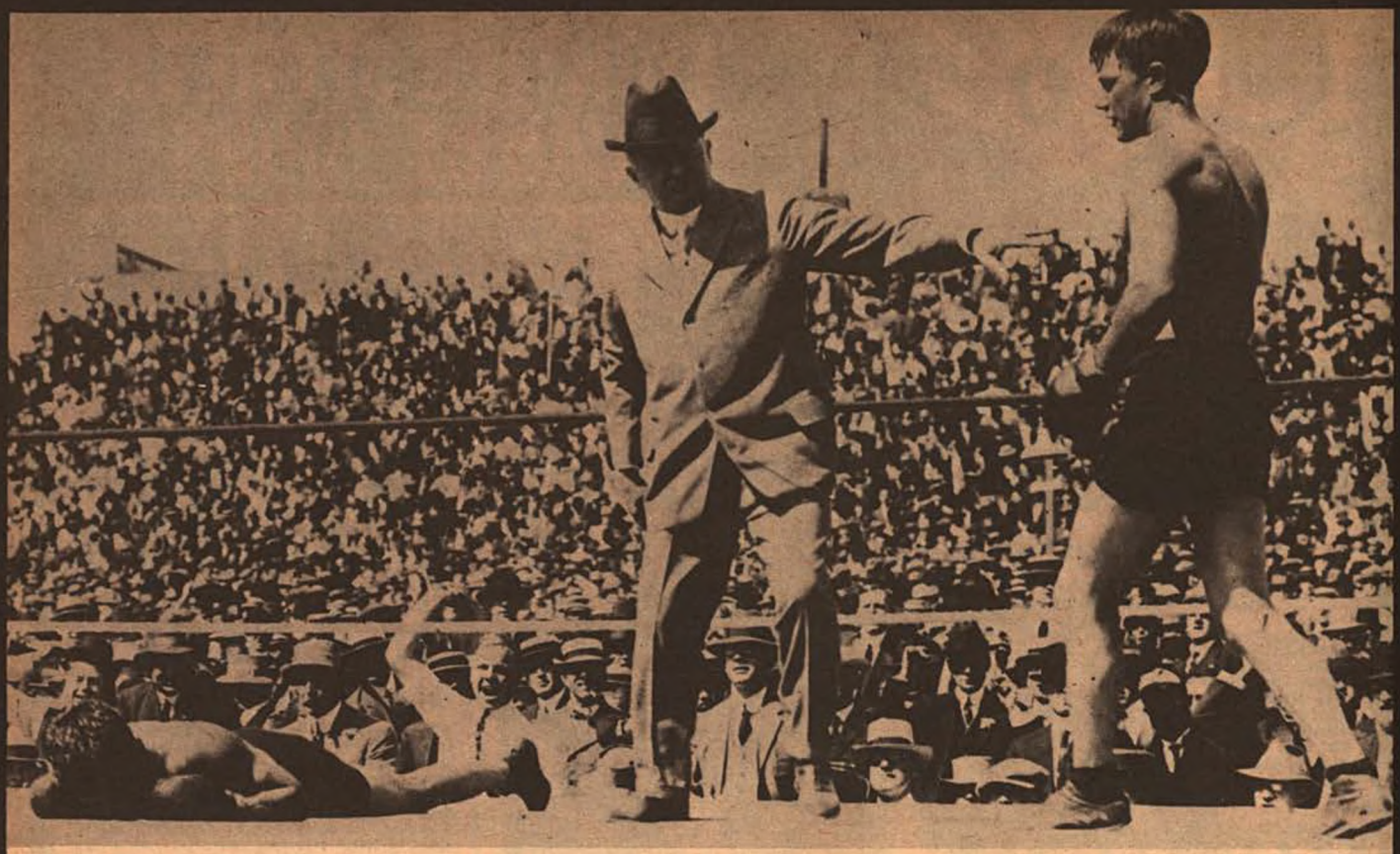

Gentleman Willie Richie once Champion, passes on at 85. Richie stops Joe Rivers in eleven rounds by KO in the year 1913. Jim Coffret was the referee.

HALL OF FAME "WILLIE RITCHIE" STOPS JOE RIVERS IN ELEVEN

By
DAN DANIEL

WILLIE RITCHIE, once lightweight champion of the world, is dead. He passed away recently at the age of 85 in Millbrae, Cal. not far from his native San Francisco.

Willie Ritchie, the gentleman boxer. His real name was Gerhard Steffen but he chose a ring pseudonym in deference to the wishes of his family.

Willie won the lightweight title from Ad Wolgast, whom he beat on a foul in the sixteenth round at Daly City, Cal., on November 28, 1912, with Jim Coffreth the referee.

Ritchie lost the world championship to British Freddie Welsh at London on July 7, 1914, in a hard, 20 round fight which aroused a lot of controversy.

From Welsh the lightweight title passed to Benny Leonard in New York on May 28, 1917, by a KO in the ninth round.

Ritchie's career covered a space of 20 years in which he had 71 fights. He won 27 by decision, 8 by KO, with 4 draws and one loss by a knockout. The man who forced him to take the deadly ten was champion Benny Leonard at Newark, N.J. in April 1919 in 8 rounds.

Perhaps the most spectacular fight Ritchie engaged in was the meeting with Joe Rivers in 1913. This one went to Willie by a KO in 11 rounds.

Ritchie retired in 1928, when he became attached to the California State Boxing Commission. He remained with that body for 24 years.

The Rivers fight was notable because it was one of the few which Willie won by a knockout.

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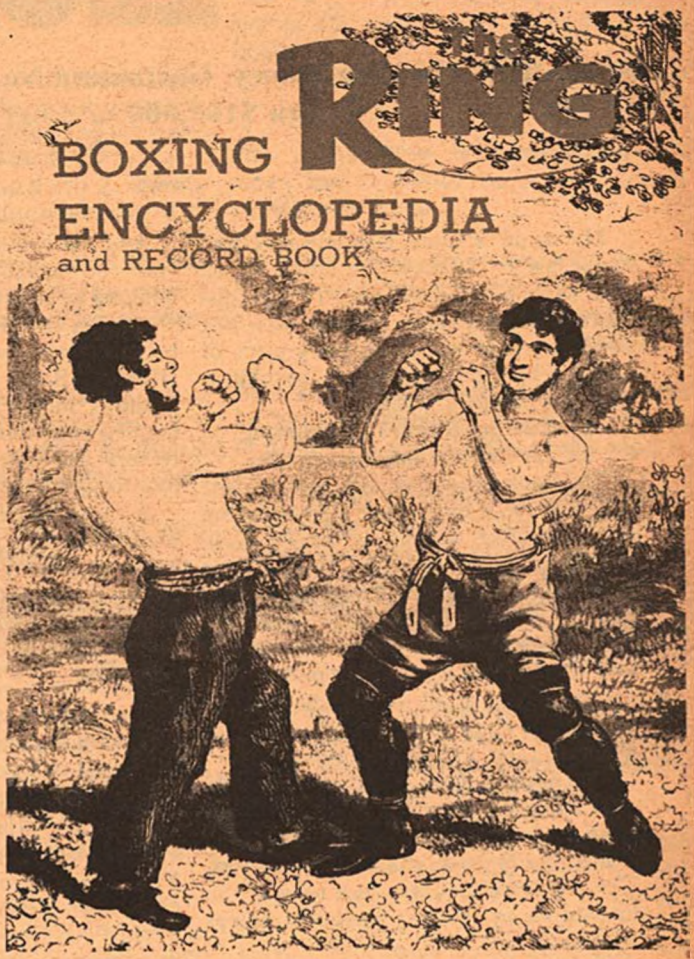

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Q. This question has to do with the Ali-Wepner fight. I took 10 to 1 that Chuck would not deck Ali. I won the bet in the ninth round. The loser refuses to pay because Ali has protested that referee Perez was wrong in ruling Ali's trip a knockdown. The Ring is asked to decide.

Bert Dooley
Bayonne, N.J.

A. Referee Tony Perez called it a knockdown and bets must be paid on that basis. Officially it was a knockdown.

Q. What was the result of the Louis-Braddock fight, and is it true that Louis was decked in the first round?

Blaize Goodeall
Chicago, Ill.

A. Louis stopped Jimmy in eight rounds, June 22, 1937. Louis was decked in the first round.

Q. Which fight do you figure was Ali's toughest? I was interested in Chris Dundee's statement that he rated the first battle with Liston the No. 1 fight of the champion.

Harold Kramer
Boston, Mass.

A. Muhammad has said that his fight with Karl Mildenberger was his toughest. The Answer Man rates the two fights with Frazier his hardest.

Q. How many times has Ali been knocked down, including the fight with Wepner?

John L. Sullivan
White Plains, N.Y.

A. Four times, twice as champion.

Q. Was Marvin Hart ever the heavyweight champion?

Kelly Thomas
Butte, Mont.

A. Once and for all, NO.

Q. Was there a return match between Dempsey and Willard? If so, in what round did Jack win?

Carey Givins
Honolulu, Hawaii

A. Emphatically no. Once was enough.

Q. I saw Marciano beat Louis. Joe was a faded copy of his great days. Do you believe that Marciano could have beaten Joe at the crest of his career?

John T. Werely
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A. I do not believe that Rocky would have beaten Joe at the height of his form, and I was closer to Marciano than to Louis.

Q. What is Joe Louis doing for a living? I hear he has left Las Vegas.

George Blaize
San Francisco, Calif.

A. Louis is back in Las Vegas as a greeter at Caesar's Palace.

Q. I have read in The Ring that Alexis Arguello is the first great fighter produced by Nicaragua. I am a native of Nicaragua and would brag a little if The Ring confirmed the statement that Nicaragua never before had a fighter with even half of a world title. He shares the featherweight title with Bobby Chacon.

Tomas Henriquez
New York, N.Y.

A. Arguello truly is the first Nicaraguan to achieve high rank in boxing. He is the World Boxing Association version of the world feather champion.

Q. I am told that there was a great referee named George Siler who worked in the 1890s. My name is Siler and I wonder if he was related to our family. I have read up on Siler and I would be proud to prove relationship. Can you help?

Walter Siler
Hollywood, Calif.

A. George Siler was one of the greatest referees in American boxing history. But we have no facilities for proving relationships to fighters and referees of old. There are organizations which trace family ties for a fee.

Q. I see that they are planning a fight between Ali and Carlos Monzon. I do not rate that a match and would like to know what you think of it.

Turner Grady
Mobile, Ala.

A. Monzon is a great middleweight but he should not be sent against Ali.

Q. I appeal to your good judgment and expert opinion to make a definite decision regarding the feather title. Make him the world champion because that is what he is and you would do honor to The Ring if you stopped calling the feather title vacant and if you gave it to Bobby.

Carlos Guzeman
Los Angeles, Calif.

A. The Ring is considering the move but it would be a very tough decision to make.

Q. What was the attendance at the Ali-Wepner fight in Cleveland?

William Herzog
Toledo, Ohio

A. The announced attendance was 14,000 and reporters found no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report.

Q. Would you say that the late Willie Ritchie was the third greatest lightweight, behind Gans and Leonard? I rate Ritchie No. 3 and hope he gets this rating in your obituary of that fine gentleman.

H. B. James
Los Angeles, Calif.

A. For No. 3 you have to consider Lew Tendler, Freddie Welsh in his great days, Owen Moran, Charlie White, possibly Roberto Duran.

Q. Do you believe that Ali and Frazier will meet for the third time? Or will Cassius retire before he can tackle Joe again? I would like to see No. 3 in New York. I think Joe won the second as well as the first meeting with Muhammad.

Hank Trojan
New York, N.Y.

A. I believe that it is reasonably certain that Ali and Joe will meet again and then say goodbye to the ring.

Q. Is there any chance that the New York State tax on visiting fighters will be lowered in the near future?

Harley Goldberg
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. No. Not while city, state and Federal treasuries are virtually broke.

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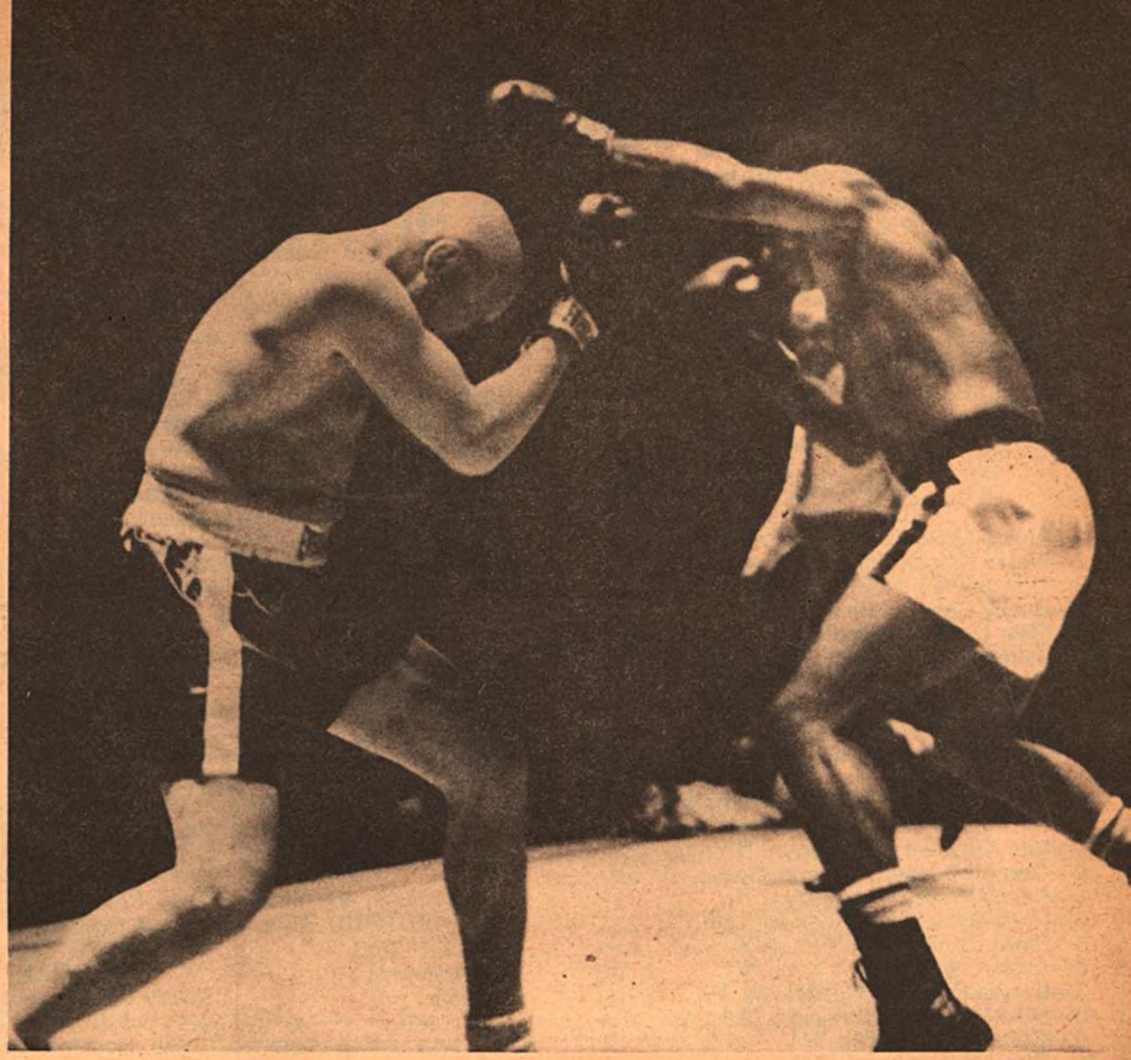
Ron Lyle, heavyweight contender, relaxes at home reading, while awaiting his bout with Muhammad Ali.

Bobby Cassidy (right) throws right that lands on the chin of Karl Zurheide in their recent fight in Cleveland. Cassidy won the fight that was light heavyweight bout preliminary to the Ali-Wepner contest.

Former world heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson gets in a left jab at the Rochester War Memorial Nostalgia night in Rochester, N.Y. Republican Chairman Richard Rosenbaum ducks the left from the former champ.



George Foreman is no slouch when it comes to lifting a four or five hundred pound steer over his head. Foreman is in training near his home in Livermore, California.

Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champ known as the "Manassa Mauler," and Joe Frazier. Joe lends an ear at recent National Cartoonists Awards Dinner held in New York City.

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8—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
9—Pat Duncan, Portland, Ore.
10—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

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*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
5—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.
6—James Scott, Newark, N.J.
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6—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
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2—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
3—Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis, Minn.
4—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
6—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
7—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
9—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
10—Jackie Smith, Brockton, Mass.

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*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia, Pa.
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5—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
6—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
7—Carlos Palomino, Long Beach, Calif.
8—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
9—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y

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*Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
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2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
4—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
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3—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
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1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas
3—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
4—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—James Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
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7—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
8—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
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2—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
4—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
5—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Billy Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
7—James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
8—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
9—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
10—Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.

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*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
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QUESTIONS QUARRY MATCH

On the basis of recent past performances by Jerry Quarry it was downright cruel to match him with Ken Norton. No wonder the New York Garden has become a fistic nonentity. It did not need the KO by Norton to stress the fact that Mrs. Quarry was right when she told her husband to hang up his gloves. Norton came into the ring trained to the minute. Quarry looked as if he had trained on beer. Matches of that type assume that the fight fans are a lot of suckers. The situation in New York is critical and it will take expert planning to bring about the start of a recovery.

John Crane Dailey
Tuxedo, N.Y.

THE HALL OF FAME

On a recent visit to New York I went to Madison Square Garden in search of the Boxing Hall of Fame. I was astonished to learn that it was not in this arena but in the offices of The Ring. Why is it hidden away where so few fans can visit it? How many fans know where it is? I walked over to The Ring offices and there I learned that the Hall of Fame was supposed to be housed in the Garden but the Arena ran out on its promise. This was a big disservice to the fight game. The error yet may be corrected.

Jake Rendler
San Francisco, Calif.

A GREAT ONE RECALLED

Being a long time reader of The Ring I have noticed that The Ring always provides coverage of various honors that former great fighters have had bestowed upon them. I am referring in particular to those fighters who have lately been selected to various state or regional Hall of Fames. To be sure, these men, although often humble, do appreciate and enjoy the articles written about them simply because they recall their days of glory.

Why The Ring failed to mention anything about the election of one of the West's all-time great fighters to two Sports Hall of Fames several months ago is difficult to comprehend and at the same time a disappointment to fans of another era.

The fighter whom I am referring to is none other than Guido Bardelli who campaigned for thirteen years (1924-1937) as Young Firpo — The Wild Bull of Burke, Idaho, taking on the greatest light heavyweights of that time and establishing a career record that ranks with the immortals of the game. Of the 134 fights that he was involved in, The Wild Bull lost but eleven times while drawing twice. He was victorious over the likes of Tiger Jack Fox, Leo Lomski, George Manley, Wes Ketchell, Tiger Thomas, Del Fontaine, Harry Dillon and drew with John Henry Lewis, the former light heavyweight champion of the world. He also ranks with boxing's all-time Kayo artists having scored 79 Knockouts. Firpo was without a doubt "a world's champion if ever there was one" to quote Billy Stepp, a famous writer of a bygone era.

Today Young Firpo lives in very poor health forgotten by all but the old timers who thrilled to his exploits and to whom he was regarded as the uncrowned champion of the world. He too would like to recall his living days of glory.

Fred Bardelli
Osburn, Idaho

THE McGOVERN-GANS FAKE

I am not a writer. I do not want to become a writer. But I am interested in solving old fight mysteries. I just have finished investigating the McGovern-Gans fight — a fake if ever there was one. I have spent many hours delving through the old Tribune files in the Public Library here and have come to the definite conclusion that the match was a fake. But why? The fake was engineered by the managers of the two fighters. The fighters are included in every list of oldtime greats. Gans was the greatest lightweight with the possible exception of Leonard. He could have boxed McGovern into defeat. I have seen movies of the two rounds and they are a travesty. I want The Ring to go into this fake at length.

Wilbur Grant
Chicago, Ill.

Jim Jacobs, who owns the largest collection of fight films in existence, is continuously looking to purchase, or trade, for rare fights on film. Write.
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TV AND BOXING

Bill Brennan of the WBA was right when, in The Ring, he accused television of chewing up boxing. However, where would boxing be if we did not have TV? Our ring heroes have become spoiled by TV and now we find ourselves in a vicious circle. Boxing will suffer a long time from the preposterous ten million dollar guarantee split by Ali and Foreman in Africa. The promoters of that fiasco built a deadly Frankenstein. I am delighted with each succeeding issue of The Ring because it is my only connecting link with boxing. I have stopped paying those crazy prices for mere screenings of highly advertised fights. I have resigned from the sucker class.

Jim Fielding
Los Angeles, Calif.

JOHN L. NOT WORLD CHAMPION?

I have been wondering why American publications go right on referring to John L. Sullivan as the former world champion. He never fought Peter Jackson, and he had to take a draw with little Charley Mitchell. John Heenan tried to make himself the world champ when he fought Sayers. He greatly outweighed the Briton but had to take a draw with Sayers. Boxing history is badly in need of revision and The Ring is best suited for the task. Jeffries, who stopped Jackson, was the first real world champion but by that time Jackson was a faded stiff, a lush. Let us have the truth, Yanks.

Wilbur Gaines Pettibone
Manchester, England

WHY DILLY-DALLY WITH CHACON?

I saw Chacon murder Estrada and would like to ask The Ring why it continues to fail to recognize Bobby as the one and only featherweight champion. He is the best feather we have had in some years and is fully entitled to the entire championship of the class instead of just the WBC half. The entire fistic world is not composed of the few worthwhile heavies we have in the ring. Give the lighter men their just dues.

Fred Guttierez
Long Beach, Calif.

WHEN IS AN EXPERT?

I would like The Ring to tell me, when is a fight expert? Are there any more fight experts? Hadn't Cassius shown in Africa, despite his KO over sad sack Foreman that he no longer was the voluble poet of old and that he had to

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SURPRISES GALORE AS AUSSIES COMPETE AND BACKUS TAKES BEATING

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — A good packet of boxing news from down under.

Of interest to the U.S., the defeat of Billy Backus in ten rounds by Rocky Mattiolo, unrated.

Hector Thompson, Commonwealth junior welter champion, shut out Lion Fujiyama in ten.

Steve Aczel, Commonwealth light heavy champion, was stopped in two rounds by Victor Attizor from Ghana.

Jim West, Commonwealth flyweight champion, fought a ten round draw with Brian Roberts.

Ali Afakasi, New Zealand welter, beat Italian Efisio Pinna in ten rounds.

And now, our Big Story!

▲In one of the biggest upsets since David slew Goliath, **Matt Ropis**, 135, won the Australian lightweight title from **Blakeney Matthews**, 131, by knockout in the 9th.

Matthews had run riot over Australian feathers and juniorlights, and he won the Australian lightweight title from Andy Broome only a month prior to defending against Ropis who had been halted by Broome a year ago.

For round after round in their bout at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, Matthews rattled Ropis's ribs and tallied up a healthy points lead, but Balkeney made the mistake of mixing it with Ropis in the sixth round. The tactics continued in the seventh and these rounds took their toll of Matthews.

Matthews still held a substantial lead at the end of the eighth. Then "Wild" Matt landed a solid left hook in the 9th. The punch threw Matthews back to the ropes. In an instant Ropis was on him, pumping in punches without pause. Jimmy Carruthers ran forward, pulled Ropis away and applied a standing count on Matthews.

Ropis, believing that Jim had stopped the fight, ran around the ring with his hands held above his head. His trainer Johnny O'Sullivan jumped into the ring and chaired Ropis, and the timekeeper repeatedly rang the bell to attract attention that the round still was in progress.

Carruthers walked to the timekeeper then ordered O'Sullivan out of the ring. He beckoned both boxers to continue, but Matthews, who had returned to his seat, held up one hand and said: "No more."

Thus Wild Matt Ropis won the Australian lightweight title by KO in round nine in the biggest upset here for the past 25 years.

Another upset occurred at Melbourne Festival Hall when previously unbeaten Australian and Commonwealth lightheavyweight champion **Steve Aczel**, 176, was knocked out in the second round by Ghanaian **Victor Attivor**, 175. By a coincidence, Johnny O'Sullivan, trainer of Matt Ropis, also trains Aczel.

Aczel didn't see the punch that dropped him and later he said he was perfectly conscious and mistimed the count. But he must have been dazed. He was on his haunches looking at referee Terry Reilly during the latter part of the count.

Moves are being made to re-match the pair, this time with Aczel's Commonwealth title on the line.

▲Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter champion **Hector Thompson**, 140, made his first appearance since having a cartilage removed when he opposed Japanese **Lion Furuyama**, 141½, at Brisbane Festival Hall. Hector made it look easy. Thompson did not lose a round in gaining an easy points decision, and again is chasing a world title fight.

Two eight-rounders headed the supporting bill. In one, **Merv Wockner**, 125, easily accounted for **Buddy Clare**, 123½, referee Des Crabbe calling it off in the seventh round.

In the other "eight" **Gus SPina**, 150, stopped **Abe Johnson**, 147, in the seventh.

▲Marrickville R.S.L. Club (matchmaker Roy Carroll) staged a great fight between **Big Jim West** and **Brian Roberts** for Big Jim's New South Wales State bantamweight title. (West also holds the Australian and Commonwealth flyweight titles.)

First sensation came at the weigh-in when West was one and a half pounds over the bantam limit! It took him three later trips to the scales and three and a half hours to make 118, so any chance he may have of defending his flyweight titles has gone by the board. Roberts scaled 116.

Originally shceduled for 12 rounds, the West party asked for a reduction to ten rounds. The Roberts management agreed, though at this stage it appeared that 12 would have suited Roberts better.

However, for Roberts, the reduction meant the difference between a draw and defeat, for near the end of the 10th round, Brian suffered a badly-cut eye which later took eight stitches, so he would not have left his corner for the 11th.

It was a really great fight (West has never been in a poor one) and Big Jim set up a points lead in the first half. Roberts overtook the lead near the end, according to referee Trevor Christian, and a draw was the result. Roberts previously had outpointed West, non-title.

In the main prelim over eight rounds, **Keith Ball**, 127½, outpointed **Tommy James**, 126½, in a good bout.

▲There was another great fight at North SYDNEY Leagues Club, Cammeray, when **Billy Mulholland**, 126, defended his N.S.W. State featherweight title against **Wayne Wallace**, 123, over ten rounds. Billy, consistently the most exciting boxer in Australia, won on points but Wallace made him work hard.

▲At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, **Semi Bula**, 158½, successfully defended his N.S.W. State middles crown by halting **Ben Holt**, 156½, in the second round. Bula won the first round, splitting a jagged cut above Holt's left eye in the process. When a solid right landed on the injury early in the second round I stopped the fight. The cut was not stitched, but there was too far to go for the injury to have held up for ten rounds, so why wait for the inevitable?

Samoan—born New Zealander **Ali Afakasi**, 142, had an easy points win over Italian **Efisio Pinna**, 141½, in ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. Afakasi challenges Hector Thompson for Hec's Commonwealth junior-welter title next month. Should be a good fight, with Thompson successful.

▲**Ross Eadie**, 140, made short work of **Rod Connors**, 140, in the main-event at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. A right decked Connors for the full count. Total time of the bout: 91 seconds.

The following week Eadie topped the bill again, this time against former Australian champion **Paul Bink** who was making a comback after 20 months.

Bink was very tentative for the first three rounds but he got going after that and made it very close.

As I saw it as referee, Eadie just got there by a couple of points at the end of the ten rounds. Judge Dick Kerr had it one point to Eadie, while judge Ian Brown scored it even. A record shower of coins and notes came into the ring after a very good fight. Each scaled 140. Date March 26.

▲Southpaw **Jeff Malcolm** caused a couple of minor upsets during the month. Scaling 139½, he outpointed N.S.W. State junior-welter champ **Jade Emerald**, 140, at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, and he outpointed Australian junior-lightweight champion **Billy Moeller** at Marrickville R.S.L. Club April 9. Both were good fights though neither Malcolm nor Emerald showed at his best in the New Lambton bout. Moeller, who scaled a heavy 136 for Malcolm, found Jeff (135) a real handful. Moeller previously had beaten Malcolm three times but Jeff was fight-sharpened while Moeller needed a bout under his belt.

▲There was a sensational fight at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale. It was the best two-round fight I've seen for some time. **Robbie Williams**, 126, met **Joe Laferla**, surprisingly heavy at 136, in a scheduled eight, but there was no way this could have lasted the distance. Laferla came out like a cyclone and decked Williams half-way through the first heat. Robbie, as game as a bullant and with good boxing ability, came back fighting. He had to either that or climb out of the ring! It was punch for punch from then to the end of the round. In the second the action was the same until Williams sank a right hand into the body.

Laferla changed color but came back fighting, but that right hand told the story to Robbie. About 15 seconds later he landed another right on the same spot, this time a bit harder. Laferla went down. He was on his feet at nine, but his hands were held low, his body was doubled and he was moaning. I stopped the fight and crowned Williams.

Wally Carr, 147, leading contender for the Australian welter title, was held to a draw by **Martin Beni**, 144½, at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and 11,000 fans attended. Joe Frazier boxed an exhibition on the bill—four rounds against Stan Ward, two each against Digger Annand and promoter Phil Harris who occasionally fights as a junior-middle. In case Smokin Joe thinks he pulled the crowd, Beni always draws between 8,000 and 10,000 fans. Undoubtedly Frazier contributed.

▲At Riverwood Legion Club, **Billy O'Donnell**, 152, halted **Dave Connors**, 148, at the end of the ninth. Connors was ahead but exhausted.

Billy O'Donnell came to the end of the road at Blacktown R.S.L. Club when he tangled with **Wally Carr**. Wally floored Billy twice, whereupon Jimmy Carruthers called it off in the first round.

▲At Blacktown, **Brian Clout** outpointed **Jimmy Slatter** in a good bantam battle.

Two heavies in **Nino Pellizzaro**, 201¾, and **Hunter McHugh**, 208¼, made comebacks to headline the bill at Brisbane Festival Hall. It was a hard and rather hectic bout that ended in favour of Pellizzaro in the sixth round when McHugh was withdrawn because of a cut mouth. Pellizzaro was leading on points.

▲Four eight-rounders constituted the bill of fare at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. Headlining was **Tom Laming**, 144½, against **Billy Harrison**, 140½. Laming, making a comeback after 2½ years, showed out well. He boxed too well for Harrison and after decking him twice in the eighth round, referee Jimmy Carruthers rescued Harrison. **Alex Burns**, 148, halted **Ritchie Brown**, 150, in the fourth frame. **Dinky Davis**, 134, easily outpointed **Mick Banks**, 131. **Steve Walker**, 115, halted **Charlie Brown**, 117, in the fourth round due to a cut eye.

Still with Blacktown, **Dave Richards**, 132½, one of the bright young lightweights in Australian boxing, scored a runaway points win over comebacking **Alan Pressnell**, 134.

▲At Souths Juniors, Kingsford, **Ricky Patterson**, 160, was a late substitute against **Kid Bale**, 160, but Ricky won. Bale won the first two rounds of a rather cautious bout, then in the third Patterson landed a couple of his deadly rips to the body. Bale backed off and Patterson sent over a right to the jaw. I counted to ten.

At the same venue, **Billy Knight**, 159, narrowly outpointed **Shane Patrick**, 157. I carded it even but the two judges edged it to Knight. Not a spectacular contest, which is unusual for Patrick who always gives value.

Final result of the month; Fijian **Mark Junior**, 170, had a comfortable points win over **Joe McGrath**, 164, at Brookvale.

"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

When Muhammad Ali said that Jerry Quarry was through as a serious contender he was so right—but unfortunately he failed to evaluate his own performance against Chuck Wepner, whom he took 15 rounds to dispose of. Quarry is through alright—make no mistake about it—but so is Ali! He is "conning" his way around as the champ, careful whom he is boxing. . .and trying to make the title stick under his banner for another year or so. . .fighting the likes of Wepner, he could be the king forever . . .Wepner didn't even know how to throw a straight right hand. . .he was swinging! The top contenders have to be Joe Frazier—George Foreman (because of his youth—not for his ability—but he does possess the ingredients and could make it back)—and Ken Norton. . .after that—see ya later, there just aren't any other heavyweights of repute on the scene. . .That young bartender out of Brockton, Mass., Billy Duquette—comes from a fighting family. . .Pat Demers (Maurice Duquette) was a leading contender back in the forties. . .his brother Bobby was a tough club-fighter—late Pat's boy, Freddie Duquette cracked the New England fight circles. . .now comes young Billy—who is a real barroom brawler. . .While on the New England fight scene. . .if the Petronelli brothers, Goody and Pat, have any desire to move Marvin Hagler and their own Tony Petronelli, they had better start weighing offers as they get them. . .not hassling over three plane tickets. . .this writer had Hagler a South Africa match with Elijah "Tap-Tap" Mathinki, a so-so guy—but the Petronelli's hassled over a third plane ticket. . .don't they realize that Hagler is not rated . . .and this was a good shot for the young upstart?

Say it isn't true—but the rumor is that Ernie Terrell is seriously thinking of returning to the ring. . .Vern McIntosh, a sparring partner for Jimmy Ellis is looking for fights. . .he has gloves and will travel. . .It doesn't appear as though the Carlos Monzon—Rodrigo Valdes fight will ever come off—if it did, my money would go on Monzon—he's a winner. . .Congratulations to Pedro Lovell, Willie Ketchum's heavyweight who is a father again, his second daughter—he just purchased a $38,000 home in North Hollywood, California, and has already been offered 50 grand for it. . .Jack Portney, former Baltimore lightweight, now lives in Miami Beach—he beat the likes of Benny Bass, Johnny Jadick, and many other top ranked battlers of his day. . .Boston fight promoter Sam Silverman told me the other day that he believes Paul Porrier, 17-year-old middleweight, who deserted the ring undefeated to join the Jehovah Witnesses, will return before too long. . .but I think that Paul will remain in that church order. . .Veteran top trainer, Lou Gross, now based at Miami Beach worked with a kid in San Juan, Puerto Rico named Nadres Hernandez, who Lou figures is a kid to watch for the future. . .also in that city for the boxing bouts was North Easton, Mass., auto tycoon, Paul Mitrano and his charming wife. . .Paul has dabbled in fighters for years.

Former European heavyweight champion, Karl Mildenberger, is presently "out of work". . .Karl was a public relations man in the "building trades" in West Germany but is now laid off. . .his second wife is busy in data processing. . .some say Milde will play the leading part of the French boxer film "The Iron Fist", but this is not for certain. . .the film tells the story of a white American first rate heavyweight—When Ali lay down in the ring—after his bout with Wepner, this writer thought he might have been shot—and there was enough hardware in the $100 seats to make that considerably more than just a passing fancy. . .Wepner met his manager Al Braverman years back, when he came to his aid in a New Jersey barroom brawl. . .and it was obvious from the start—(when Chuck stumbled over the ropes getting into the ring). . .that what a shame it was he didn't have a bar stool in his hand. . .because if Wepner had that bar stool my money would have been on him to go all the way. Joe Gramby accompanied his fighter, Richie Kates to Durban, South Africa, looking for a world title shot there. . .they were guests of the promoter of the Pierre Fourie—Victor Galindez fight. . .Larry Peterson, Jacksonville, Fla., teenager with a fistic future, is the brother-in-law of veteran Jacksonville middleweight Dennis Riggs . . .when Terry Daniels lost to John "Dino" Dennis recently in Scranton, Pa., he didn't win a single round. . .doesn't that tell his something that he should do in a hurry?

George Foreman wants Dick Sadler as a friend, but no longer as a trainer and mentor. . .Ron Stander, whose claim to fame was getting a thumping from Joe Frazier when he was the king, was arrested recently in Council Bluffs, Iowa charged with breaking and entering an adult bookstore. . .a 19-year-old gal, Diane Price, was found in Stander's car near the store but was not charged.

The only case I can remember where the fighter outsmarted his manager was when Bobby Chacon, the W.B.C. featherweight champ, asked Joe Ponce to turn down an offer of $50,000 for his contract—informing Ponce he just wanted to fight for him—and him only—it wasn't long after that Chacon won a piece of the title, then gave Ponce the gate—now I'll bet Joe is wishing he sold his end. . .today he gets zero!

Reports from boxing gyms around the country are favorable. . .plenty of activity—seems the recession is beginning to bring the kids out—they want the "big money" that boxing has to offer. . .just like I predicted a while back. . .Cpl Izzy Schwartz, former flyweight champ, at the age of 74 has been married to the same gal for 50 years. . .Frank Sikora, Chicago referee, is dead at the age of 80 years—Sikora handled most of the big bouts when the Windy City was a big boxing capital. . .Veteran Philly cornerman, Ralph Lake and his wife Evelyn recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. . .many boxing writers have listed manager Jimmy DePiano as the step-father of middleweight Mike Rossman—Jimmy is his real dad—Rossman uses his mother's maiden name as a boxer . . .Pat O'Grady, the top mid-west boxing promoter, has a kid Sean who is making quite a name for himself inside the hemp. . .he seems to emerge the winner. . .They're still talking about the punch that little Art Hafey landed on Alfredo Mercarno in Caracas. . .he raised a lump the size of a golf ball right between the lads eyes—and left him for dead. . .quite a puncher is Hafey, the transplanted Nova Scotian, residing in sunny California. . .Burke Emery is his trainer.

Ray Lunny's dad doesn't consider him a prospect anymore, but a solid lightweight contender, and hopes to land his son a shot at the world title before this year is out. . .Joe Herman back at his gym in San Francisco after taking it easy for a spell. . .Herman and Billy Newman have operated this gym for years in the San Francisco area. . .and top fighters always trained there. . .Joe Frazier nevec looked sharper than the other night—decked out in silver and gold rings and green suede boots. . .real snappy dresser! Joe Louis is the greatest heavyweight I have seen around in years, and when his career ended, Louis who gave so much of himself to the public—through poor handlers—was broke financially—and he wound up with tax problems that have haunted him to this very day—his government, for whom he did so much donating two purses to army and navy relief funds during WW II, never gave Joe Louis a thing, but a hard time—and an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. From this physical and mental ruination of a former great champion, in my estimation, the greatest of them all—I believe it was Thomas Masaryk who once said. . ."Justice is the arithmetic of love". . .

ROBLES VICTORY OVER MUNDINE GIVES HIM VISIONS OF TITLE

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and northern California. Then in June of 1974 George Cooper decisioned Robles in twelve rounds in a fight that was billed for the state championship.

Cooper had won eleven straight fights and had an over-all record of 29-2-2. He had been fighting since 1966 and was considered a clear favorite over Robles. Instead Rudy was ahead on all cards after six rounds and Cooper had to stage a big rally to nab the decision. It was an unpopular verdict, the referee, most of the newsmen and a large portion of the crowd in Cooper's own home town of Oakland, felt that Robles had won.

"Cooper Outfought But Keeps Title," headlined the San Francisco Chronicle. A rematch with Cooper seemed a natural and George's manager had agreed to this. But when Dick Saddler entered the picture as an advisor to Cooper, negotiations stalled.

John Hall, a veteran writer for the Los Angeles Times, has a theory that aside from obvious setups, an undefeated fighter has more trouble finding opponents than one who has lost at least once. This seemed the case with Robles. Where he had been able to engage in only a handful of fights between the time he left the Olympic for good and his loss to Cooper, a period comprising a little less than 18 months, in the last six months of 1974 Robles was presented with a windfall of opponents.

This was largely due to the efforts of Joe Gagliardo, a northern California promoter, who found Rudy several bouts. And Robles' efforts finally seemed to be paying off in fan appeal. Two of his bouts in San Jose ended with enthusiastic spectators throwing silver into the ring. But Robles could not appreciate the gesture because the matches were with the same rival, Rudy Cruz, an unknown fighter who seemed to have put Robles' career on the rocks.

Robles raised his win total to 27 with a victory over Kim Booker. Before the bout Montoya had already signed Rudy to fight Cruz. Robles went into the fight mentally and physically unprepared and Cruz won a unanimous decision, despite Robles' knocking him down in the second round and seeming to have landed more and harder punches. But the damage was done. Robles had been rated as one of the better middleweight sin the country. But after the loss his name disappeared from the listings. Only the ability of Montoya to talk Cruz' people into a rematch salvaged Robles' career.

Some six weeks later Robles came back to San Jose in superb physical condition. As in the first fight he dropped Cruz in the second and had him in trouble throughout the bout, but then he had to worry as the officials haggled over the decision.

Cruz was from nearby Fresno and clearly the hometown favorite. But there was little booing when it was revealed that Robles had won.

The decision was split and this and his previous loss to Cruz may have convinced Tony Mundine's camp that Robles would be a safe opponent for the one-time leading middleweight contender.

Mundine had not fought since losing a championship bout with Monzon late in 1974. He wanted to make a comeback. But Robles was not the safe rival he had thought he was. In Brisbane Rudy knocked Mundine down in the second and went on to take a clearcut decision.

Robles went all the way to Australia to do it, but finally he is in line for the key bouts that could lead to the championship. Mrs. Eaton's attitude toward him has softened. She graciously congratulated Montoya's wife Joyce when she heard the result from Aussieland.

It is possible that L.A. promoters would put up the kind of money Robles would command as a contender but the chances are that Rudy having become used to fighting on the road, will stage the most important battles of his life there, first in Paris, and then, as he and Montoya and his father fervently hope, in Colombia with Valdez.

BOB SHERIDAN BOXING BROADCASTER

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Went to the U. of Miami on a baseball scholarship. Began radio at WEDR-FM in Miami in 1966. In '68, went to WGBS-Miami, became sports director at WGBS that year, broadcasting the full card of Tuesday night fights from the Miami Beach Convention Center. After calling five or six fights every other week for five years on the radio, began doing television fights on Channel 51. Frankie Otero and Ken Buchanan provided the action for first fight for Video Techniques. Video liked his work so much he was hired to do the Woody-Quarry fight in Las Vegas, part of the Foreman-Roman double headers.

Figures he's done more fights than Dunphy and Cosell together because of the number of fights from Miami Beach, and that his background is invaluable because blow-by-blow is a matter of experience, and radio isn't carrying fights any more.

That does inch him up closer to the driver's seat.

NORTON'S FILM DEBUT GIVES KEN A SECOND PROFESSION

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schools.

The picture was produced by Dino De Laurentis from a novel by Kyle Onstott and a play by Jack Kirkland. Screen play by Norman Wexler, direction by Richard Fleischer.

The picture is not the first nor will it be the last in which a boxer participates.

From John L. Sullivan to the present few heavyweights of note have escaped the call of the footlights.

BOBICK BROTHERS WIN, RODNEY HAS TROUBLE

By SAM TAUB

Before a sad turnout of 2,436 customers, for a slim gate of $18,625, with the weather playing havoc, the Bobick brothers, out of Bowlus, Minn., were victorious in their double feature at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, Long Island.

Both men were victorious albeit in the first ten there was quite a number of vociferous boos, plus some paper cups and peanuts tossed into the arena.

▲The feature didn't last long enough to give a line on the winner, Duane Bobick, 24 year old Olympian, as he made short work of Roy Dean (Cookie) Wallace, out of Dallas, Texas, the finish coming in 1:25 of the second round when referee Arthur Mercante counted the loser out.

Bobick, who scaled 213¾, against Wallace's 209, wasn't in there long enough to give the fans a chance to appraise him as he chalked up his 26th consecutive win, 24 knockouts. His opponent, who brought into the ring a 17-18-2 record, managed to mix it up a little in the first round but in the second a right and left to the jaw knocked the Texan to the canvas. He attempted to get up at ten but was ruled counted out by Mercante. It mattered little as far as the result was concerned.

With two former heavyweight kings watching the proceedings, Joe Frazier, under whose auspices Duane is now functioning, and ex-two time king, Floyd Patterson, who was doing his stint on cable TV, plus other fistic performers who were introduced, the quickee by Duane, who looks like a good prospect, was disappointing.

Before that they saw Duane's brother Rodney, whose weight was announced as 238 pounds, with a 31-4-0 record, have his hands full against aggressive Pedro Agosto, of Puerto Rico, who came into the ring with a 24-6-0 mark. Agosta was giving away weight, height and reach but he carried the fight to his favored foeman from the start.

Rodney, despite the pleading of Angelo Dundee, who was his chief second, fought in sluggish fashion. When the decision was announced the crowds reaction started with the tossing of paper cups and peanuts being heaved into the ring.

The official voting was as follows: Referee Petey Della had it 6-3-1, judge Bernie Friedkin 6-4, and judge Harold Lederman 7-2-1, unanimous for Rodney. Agosta was confounded and many agreed with him.

In two sixes, Barry Hill, of New York, outbattled Pat Barry, East Rockaway, in a corker, both scaling 160 pounds, while Tyrone Phelps registered over Jeff Holmes, both scaling 148 pounds, with Holmes down for an eight count in the fourth round. A four spot between Billy Sharkey, Ozone Park, N.Y., 189, and Al Bingamin, Jamaica, N.Y., 199, resulted in a unanimous win for Sharkey.

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Bobby Gleason holds a unique spot in boxing. He's run the gamut from boxer to trainer to manager to gymnasium owner and representative of foreign promoters in booking performers. Still active at 83 and operating his gymnasium at 252 West 30th St., N.Y., the finest around the Metropolitan area, Gleason, recently honored by the Boxing Writers' of New York with the James J. Walker trophy, is one of the most respected men in the boxing world.

Gleason, a native New Yorker, broke in as a fighter back in 1908 and was busy as a mitt-wielder for four years. He never had an amateur fight, figured in at least 100 pro duels. Most of his skirmishes were in the days of bootleg boxing and as a pro bantamweight. His memory of his pro days harkens back to the time when Lew Raymond was his manager.

While busy with his numerous activities in boxing Lew also recalls when he was in the taxicab business at 149th Street and Third Avenue, close to where the late Billy Gibson had his Criterion Restaurant. Later Bob moved into the automobile supply business. But the call of boxing beckoned to him again and in 1925 he branched out as a trainer and manager.

Among his fighters were Phil Terranova, NBA featherweight king, Nino Valdez, the Cuban heavyweight, who almost made it, middleweights Walter Cartier and Ace Armstrong, from Elizabeth, N.J., as well as Terranova brothers, Frankie and Phil.

Before he moved into his present gymnasium, where his rent is $1,100 a month, the resourceful Gleason, had a gym at 434 Westchester Avenue, in the Bronx, where he was located for 37 years before opening up his new quarters last July.

As a booking agent, Gleason is furnishing promoters in Germany with American talent, as well as supplying other promoters in Europe and South Africa.

The affable Gleason and his wife Grace are the parents of two daughters, Gloria and Bernadette, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. One of his grandchildren, Robert Savarese, is enrolled in Bucknell College. His objective is medicine. Gleason has become a real pillar in boxing, respected for his honesty and ability.

Knocking around the boxing game and behind the scenes are many chaps seldom heard about. One of them is Woodrow Wilson Larroseaux, 40, a native of Cuba. He's been affiliated with boxing for the past dozen years as a manager and second. Among his current boxers are Radames Cabrera, a middleweight, and Miguel Barreto, a welter, both out of Puerto Rico, as well as Hector Diaz, a lightweight, and Fernandez Jiminez, a feather from Santo Domingo. Larroseaux is married.

Alex Koskowitz, the furrier, who almost had it made when Doug Jones was an outstanding challenger and once lost a close one to Muhammad Ali, still hobnobs with the fistic gentry and many of them are to be found at his place of business at 350 Seventh Avenue. That's where we ran into Duane Bobick, now boxing under ex-heavyweight king Joe Frazier. Duane, who is 24, is trained by Eddie Futch, who also handles Frazier, has been an amateur and pro performer for eight years. Duane, who hails from Bowlus, Minn., and his brother Rodney, both performed on a recent Nassau Coliseum card. From what we saw it's Duane who is most likely to get somewhere. Angelo Dundee, manager and trainer of Rodney, feels he has a good prospect in the brother he's managing.

J. Edward Klein, head of the Public Relations outfit at 422 Lexington Avenue, is the new president of the Max Kase Sports Lodge 1840. Klein is well known in the boxing world, having been assigned to cover fights for the Philadelphia Inquirer for nineteen years, together with handling other sports. Klein recalls one of his first assignments when Ray Robinson appeared on a double wind-up bill at the Philadelphia Arena.

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One of the publicity stunts pulled at the Nassau Coliseum fights the night the Bobick brothers topped the show was the introduction of the three women fight judges. Besides Carol Polis, of Philadelphia, who received the first assignment as a woman judge, the two recent inductees were presented. One was Carol Costellano, wife of judge Tony Castellano, the other, Eva Shain, whose husband Frank has been affiliated with boxing for many years, dating back to the era of Dia Dollings, the trainer from England when one of the hot spots in New York was Billy Grupp's Gym.

Bobby Gleason representative of many facets of the boxing world still active at 83 years, recently honored by James J. Walker trophy.

Boxing was saddened by the passing of Charles Hoff, camerman from the N.Y. Daily News, who was well known at ringside. Hoff, who made history with his portrayal of the German airship Hindenburg bursting into flames at its Lakehurst, N.J. morning on May 6, 1937, passed away at the age of 70. His career spanned 35 years and he won 124 awards. He received special citations for his photographs of Kid Gavilan being belted by Sugar Ray Robinson. Besides his sports assignments, Hoff, known as the News flying camerman, handled many inaugurations and conventions. Hoff, who retired after 35 years on the beat, passed away at his new home in Hallandale, Fla.

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Petey Hayes, who was a crack performer in his day and is brother-in-law of Petey Hayes, who assumed his name, his right monicker being Tony Ferrara, recently started a new hobby, a boys club at the Regina Center in BayRidge, Brooklyn. The club located at 1258 65th St. is the new gymnasium for a Boys' Club for youngsters aged 13 to 17. Training sessions are set for five times a week plus Saturday mornings. Petey decided to start the new feature for a gang of nice youngsters who are eager to become boxers and wrestlers. A slight registration fee is charged to help furnish equipment for the gym. Besides Petey, the program

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CURTO HOLDS BRISCOE TO DRAW IN 10 ROUNDS AT PHILLY

By NAGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Miami-based middleweight Vinnie Curto looked extremely lucky to escape with a 10-round draw against local hero Bennie Briscoe. The 4,518 fans in attendance at the Spectrum voiced their disapproval with a chorus of boos that continued into the opening rounds of a walkout bout.

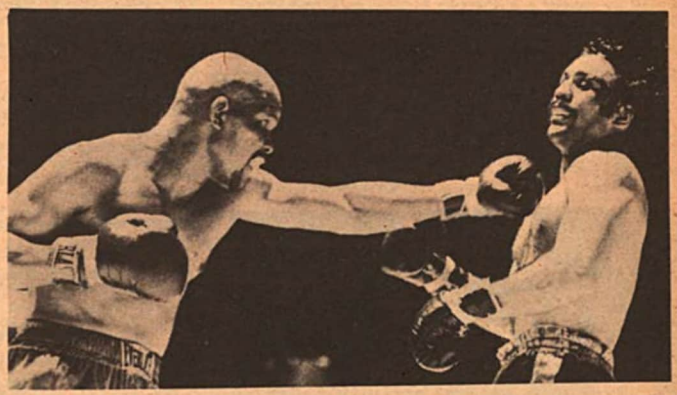
Briscoe stalked Curto for the first eight rounds, catching his fleet-footed adversary again and again with jarring left jabs. Vinnie punched back with quick flurries but they were either picked off or blocked by the unusually defensive-minded Philadelphian.

A potent right cross split Curto's left eyebrow in the fifth but Briscoe was forced to refrain from using his right mitt too often. It was revealed following the fight that Bennie had suffered a hairline fracture below the knuckles of his right hand prior to the bout.

Curto's face bore evidence of the battering he took. Besides the gash on his left, Vinnie's right eye was also nicked. His nose bled on and off throughout the match.

Thinking that the decision was sewed up, Briscoe made the mistake of coasting the last two rounds. This allowed the 19-year-old Curto time to unload a couple of combinations that looked pretty but failed to do any damage.

It is hard to understand what referee Pete Tomasco was watching but he scored it 46-44 for Curto. Judge Nate Lopinson, who was suspended last year for turning in poor scorecards, saw it a 46-46 draw. Judge Nick Spano agreed with The Ring tabbing Bennie a lopsided winner 48-42. Briscoe came in at 160 even, Curto at 158.



Bernie Briscoe (Left) Jabs Vinnie Curto in their 10 round bout at Philadelphia which ended in a draw.

Perry "Li'l" Abner, 151½, continued his winning streak by hammering out a hard-fought 10-round decision over veteran Fate Davis, 152.

The first half of the fight was fought toe to toe with both boxers landing their best shots. Davis seemed to be on his way out early in the fifth but he battled back to hurt Abner as the round drew to a close.

Abner got his stiff left jab working in the second half of the bout

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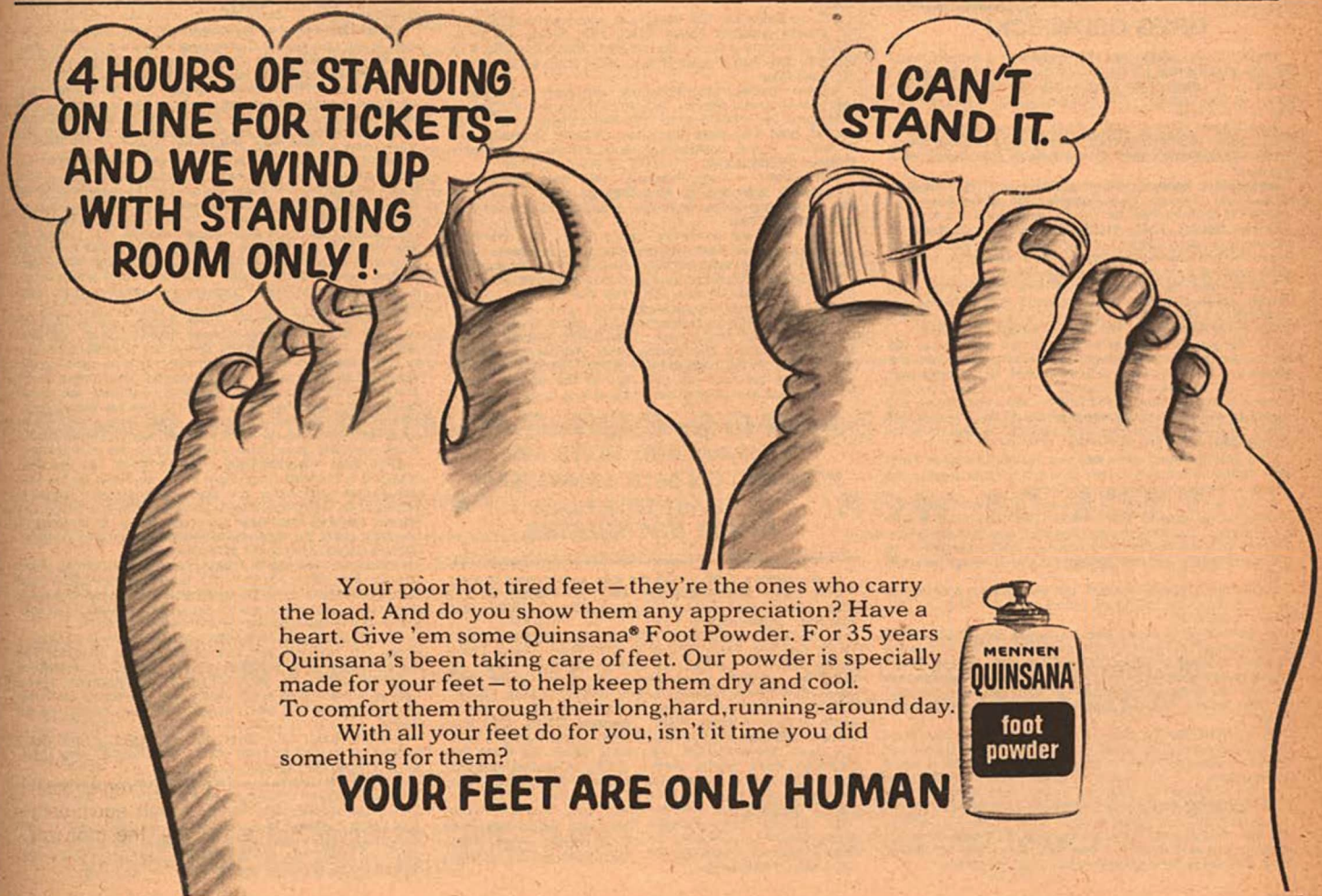


PENTALOW OVER OSOWIECKI IN WATERBURY FIGHT

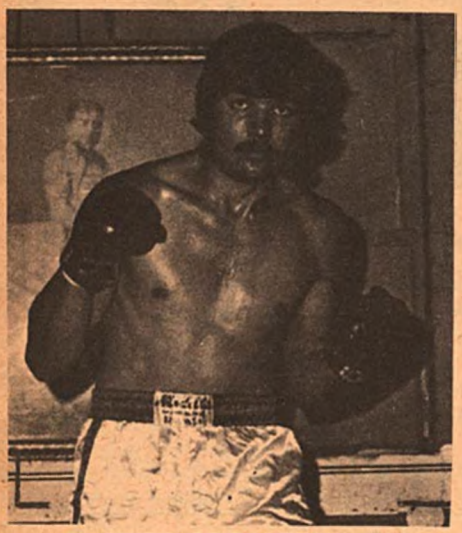
By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Waterbury, Conn. — New Britain's KO Kevin Pentalow, 187, was too much for Waterbury favorite Greg Osowiecki, 199, to register a unanimous 8 round decision before a packed house at the Waterbury State Armory.

Pentalow, using some new offensive combinations and blocking well, completely mastered his foe in most of the rounds. Veteran Jack LaSalle, Kevin's trainer, has helped Pentalow immensely and we might be in for some exciting showings.

For Osowiecki it was a bitter defeat. After the fight he admitted he wasn't in the best of shape for this encounter.

Ural Hunter, 130, stablemate of Vinnie DeBoros, got a unanimous decision over Rinoldo Burgos, 130, Hartford, in six rounds.



GREG OSOWIECKI

Bristol's Danny McCarthy, 159, registered a second round KO in 2 minutes and 56 seconds of the round as Eric Pagan Rivera, 157, Lowell, turned to the referee and said "Stop the fight, I've had enough." The referee obliged. It was Danny's 2nd TKO in a row!

Jose Pagan Rivera, 142, Lowell, the second half of a brother team, lost in six to Pablo Rodriguez, a Holyoke, Mass. fighter with too much talent for the likes of Jose. He took every round.

Waterbury's lightweight Vinnie DeBaros, 135, pitched a shutout over "Terrible" Terry Rondeau, 136, former New England titleholder from Pittsfield. For Vinnie it was 9 in a row.

Donnie Nelson, 134½, Hartford lightweight continued his winning way as he scored his ninth straight win with an eight round decision over Justice Ortez, 136, of New York. It was a great fight and a good win for the scientific one.

The cry from the corner all night was one Donnie, three Donnie, seven Donnie and so on and the fighting machine performed on command as he pitched a near shut-out, taking seven out of eight rounds with the first being called even.

KO Morgan, who scored many victories and boasts 700 fights was the honoree tonight and a good card was presented to a turn out of four or five hundred "KO" Morgan well wishers! KO received many awards from the home folks and gave a good account of himself on the microphone and wound up with "I'm coming home for good" and the delighted crowd gave him a heart warming standing ovation for a full five minutes.

Ring greats present were two time feather champion Willie Pep, former European welter champion Paola Rossi, and former light heavy champion Jose Torres.

Jimmy Nieves dropped to the canvas by Brooklyn fighter Johnny Turner failed to beat the count and cried all the way to the dressing room that he was the victim of a fast count. The 2 round K.O. win for the blond Brooklyn fighter seemed to be unpopular and a rematch might clear the air. Each weighed 143.

Cove Green, 157, Bridgeport, got back on the winning trail as he pounded out a 6 round victory over Don Melosh, 156, White Plains, N.Y.

In another six Turkey's Ahmed Tasci, 132, White Plains, almost scored an upset as his unorthodox style and bull-like charges puzzled Enfield's Bobby Guthridge. Bobby, 134½, was arm weary as he poured hundreds of bomb like punches all over the body and head of his tank like opponent and couldn't believe that this big hearted little guy wouldn't go down.

At the final bell the crowd roared it's approval and when Guthridge's hand was raised in victory the crowd booed and hooted, believing Tasci, at least deserved a draw if not a close victory.

In the semi-final six Stamford heavyweight Bobby Walker, 182, KO'ed 178 pound Kenny Jones of New Haven. The referee counted 10 as Jones hung over the ropes in a standing position. Walker was also down for an 8 count before the odd ending. This was Bobby's home town debut and he showed both skill and punching power in this short encounter!

The Wethersfield Police sponsored a lively AAU boxing show at Wethersfield High School which was topped off by an exhibition between ex-champ Willie Pep and Billy Graham. The two repeated their performance in Orange a few weeks ago. New England heavyweight champ Dennis Jordan was present and so was once heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Wolcott.

▲Ricky Cote, 132, Norwich, decisioned Jimmy Robidoux, 131, Newington.

Dewey Thomas, 130, Enfield, decisioned 133 pound Padro Rodriguez of Hoboken.

Joe Glenn, 131, Enfield, scored a 17 second 1st round KO over Avro Crspo, 130, Meriden.

Eliu Santiago, 147, Hoboken, TKO'ed Bobby Grace, 147, Meriden, in 1:30 of round 2.

Marcus Starks, 126, Hartford, won over Tito Colon, Meriden.

Felix Rodriguez, Enfield, was a TKO winner in 2 over 110 pound Larry Santiago of Bridgeport.

Bobby Alvarado, 140, Waterbury, won a close decision over Southington's Rick Casale.

140 pound Jose Rosaido, Hartford, won a close decision over 141 pound Roman Rivera, 144, Waterbury.

Wayne Scott, 200, Hartford, won from Harold Rollins, 200, Hartford, in 3 rounds.

PETRONELLI WINS TWICE IN NEW ENGLAND BOUTS

By DON HAMILL

Boston Mass. — A couple of new spots or old spots re-opened, were added to New England boxing. Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton moved their operation from Waterbury to Bristol. It was the first show there in years. They were encouraged with the turnout and will be continuing shows in that city. Phil Atwood staged a show in Lewiston and plans more shows in that city.

▲Also on the horizon is Pete Ricciteli, who will be promoting in Portland where for several years he was a headliner.

▲**Lewiston Armory** — Ricardo Camaro, 131½, Paul Mitrano's Argentine prospect living in Easton, Mass., was awarded a ten round split decision over the Maine featherweight and lightweight champion, Phil Hudson, 128 of Portland.

▲Tommy Rose, 126, Sherborn, Mass., a student at St. Francis College in Biddeford, easily disposed of Johnny Gonzales, 122, Troy, N.Y. A left hook spilled Gonzales in 37 seconds of the first round.

▲**Bristol Arena** — Kevin Pentalow, 190, New Britain, failed to impress in taking an eight round decision over Bob Crutison, 191, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. The bout was lacking in action.

▲Vinnie DeBarros, 133, Waterbury, continued to impress as he soundly whipped Ahmet Tosci, 133, Turkey via White Plains, and took a six round decision. Jose Carabella, 143, Hartford, and Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 140, Lowell, ended up in a six round draw.

▲Steve Toomey, 144, Waterbury, won every round over a fleet footed Jimmy Nieves, 142. Paul OSborne, 160, Lowell, outslugged Jerry Tramantano, 160, White Plains, in an action packed bout that stole the show. Avelino DosReis, 147, Waterbury, won a lopsided four round decision over Frankie Williams, 150, Ansonia.

▲**Brockton** — Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, successfully defended his New England junior welterweight title, by stopping Bobby Guthridge, 135, Somers and Hartford, in the eighth round.

In the ten round co-feature, Jackie Smith, 156, Brockton, appeared to have won clearly over-clowning veteran, Gary Bailey, 160, New York, but had to settle for a split decision. Jesse Bender, 157, Somers, atoned for a knockout defeat last month by Reinaldo Oliviera, 158, West Wareham, by battering him into submission in four rounds.

▲**Boston** — Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, knocked out Pat McCormack, 142, Dublin, Ireland, in the annual St. Patrick's Day boxing show. Petronelli fought his type of fight. In the head-to-head action, Petronelli came up with a bad cut over his right eye in the second round. Petronelli was able to keep the action at long range.

BENJAMIN AND SILVER ARE HONORED ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COAST TITLE FIGHT

By ABE HOCHHEISER

▲Los Angeles, Calif. —,On the 50th anniversary of their Pacific Coast lightweight title bout, Joe Benjamin and Jack Silver were honored with a dinner at the San Francisco Athletic Club.

In attendance, were former world champs Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, Young Corbett III, Carl "Bobo" Olson, Jackie Fields, Ceferino Garcia. Also former top-name boxers of yester-year attending were: Johnny Farr, Chick Devlin, Joey Lopes, Al Manfredo, Georgie Levine, Johnny Erjavec, Californian Joe Lynch, Joe Roche, Marcel Thuru, Mickey Willis, Mario Duccini, Frankie Fuller, Newsboy Millich, Olin Loy, Sammy Offerman, Frankie Garcia, Ray Lunny, Danny Dunes, Lou Savin, Meyer Kaplan, Milio Militti, Willie Red Gold, Pat Valentino, Ernie Eredia, Johnny Smith, Joey Fox, Wildcat Nelson, Bill Freitas, Floyd "Red" Taylor, Vic Grupico, Jimmy Garofola, Johnny Spino, Mike Brennan, Enoch Yip, Pete Daley, Young Gilbert, Johnny Coon, Tony Bosnich, Nobile "Kid" Chissell, Forey Wampler, Ray Actis, Paul Negri, Bert Botta, Leo Fried, LaPacini, Young Joe Roche, Louie Miller, Bobby Andrews, Benny Barrish, Ray Flores, Tom O'Connor, John Vidal, Frankie Rex.

Others attending were: Allan Ward, Oakland Tribune sports editor, Al Sandell, veteran San Francisco amateur boxing coach, Jack Downey, former west coast referee and former boxer and his brother Art Downy also a former boxer. Joe Shannon former referee and former boxer of Philadelphia, and his son Joe Shannon also attended. Willie Bernstein and Teddy Hayes former Jack Dempsey and Joe Benjamin trainers, Ed Helzer veteran Fresno newspaperman, Alex McDonald, former Los Angeles and San Francisco promoter and former boxer, Ernie Fliegal former promoter, manager and former boxer, Jimmy Cozenza West Coast rpomoter, Jimmy Murray, former Oakland and San Francisco promoter, Russel Harley of the Golden State Veterans Boxers Association and Cauliflower Alley Club, Joe Herman San Francisco gym owner, Everett L. Sanders former California State Athletic Commissioner. Also Marshall Wright executive director Cauliflower Alley Club, Jim Balukevich 1st Vice President of the Washington, D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame and 2nd Vice President of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, Goodwill Ambassador for the Baltimore Boxing Hall of Fame.

Master of Ceremonies was Sammy Stein, Oakland and San Francisco ring announcer. Dinner Chairman was Billy Mahoney, former boxer and veteran newspaperman.

Benjamin and Silver got television sets. Also each received certificates of commendation from San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto and State Governor Edmund Brown. Also awards from the Golden State Veterans Boxers Association, Northern California Veterans Boxers Association, Sacramento Valley Veterans Boxers Association, Honorary Members Certificate Awards from the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, Paul Revere Patriots Award from the State of Massachusetts.

Billy Mahoney and Young Corbett also received certificates as Honorary members into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame and also the Mickey Walker Toy Bulldog Trophy from the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

A sellout house of 350 attended the dinner.

Both Silver and Benjamin were also associated with the motion picture industry after their retirement from the ring. Silver worked as an extra and stunt man and Benjamin was also an extra and conditioner of movie stars Douglas Fairbanks and Loretta Young.

NEW ENGLAND PROMOTERS PUT ON BURST OF ACTION

By DON HAMMILL

BOSTON, MASS. — New England boxing fans were treated to ten shows recently. Heading the list was the capturing of the New England heavyweight championship by John (Dino) Denis before a full house in New Bedford. Fans in Bristol and Waterbury, also filled the halls for fistic offerings.

▲**BRISTOL Arena** — Dave Huckaby, 155, Hartford, an inmate at the Connecticut Correctional Institute in Somers, challenged third ranked Vito Antuofermo, 160, Brooklyn, and although he lost a unanimous ten round decision, made a creditable showing. Huckaby was engaging in his 8th pro bout. He found the aggressive Antuofermo a ready target for right hand counters. Vito's body attack took its toll. After eight reasonably close rounds Huckaby was saved by the bell after arising rrom a knockdown in the ninth round.

Vinnie DeBarros, 135, Waterbury, with determination, outlasted veteran Terry Rondeau, 133, Pittsfield, to earn a hard fought unanimous six round decision in the semi-final. Jesse Bender, 158, Hartford, and Somers, battered Paul Osborne, 160, Lowell, into helplessness in three heats. Dana McCarthy, 158, Bristol, outfought Eric (Pagan) Rivera, 157, Lowell, to stop him in the third round of a four spot. Eric is a younger brother of Jose (Pagan) Rivera. Roberto Medina, 139, North Easton, handed Victor Checo, 140, New York, a boxing lesson only to see the New Yorker get a roundly boxed six round split decision.

▲**PROVIDENCE - Rhode Island Arena** — John (Dino Denis, 205, North Attleboro, stopped veteran Indian Tony Burwell, 189, Philadelphia, at the end of the seventh round in a live bout held in conjunction with the closed circuit TV showing of the Muhammed Ali - Chuck Wepner title contest. Doctor Joseph Paretto stopped the fight because Burwell had injured his left hand. Dino had piled up points over his shorter opponent with a good left jab and left hook. Both of the judges gave Dino every round while Referee Martin Tabor called 1 round even and gave Denis a clear edge in the other 6 heats.

▲**BOSTON - Harvard Club** — Jackie Smith, 154, Brockton, engaged in his third rough fight in 18 days and for the third time had to settle for a split eight round decision. Marcelino Alicea, 149, Holyoke, found chinks in Smith's armor and scored with very hard head and body blows. Smith waged a constant attack in contrast to Alicea's spurts and clowning. Alicea's taunts failed to get full appreciation.

Al Romano, 150, North Adams, also had to settle for a split decision over Gerry Annson, 150, Brockton, in the eight round co-feature. Annson was dropped through the ropes in the third round which may have proved the margin of victory. The decision was not well received.

Billy Duquette, 153, Brockton, made short work of Charley Rose, 145, Portland, with two knockdowns in 29 seconds of the first round of their scheduled four rounder. Rose suffered a broken jaw. Lanky Tony Girginoff, 135, Burlington, Mass., built up a big lead to earn a four round unanimous duke over Doug Romano, 139, North Adams, who was making his pro debut.

Tommy Rose, 129, Sherborn, scored a second round knockdown in taking a clear cut for round decision over CHarley Kittredge, 127, Portland.

▲**BOSTON Arena** — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, knocked out substitute Joey Blair, 161, Akron, O., in 2:22 of the second round with the first hard blow thrown in the fight. After a slow first round, Hagler stepped in with a right hook and spilled Blair onto the canvas. Blair took the full count on his knees, arose, and was unaware that the fight had ended or, possibly, even started.

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CURTO HOLDS BRISCOE TO DRAW IN 10 ROUNDS AT PHILLY

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and finished the stronger of the two to grab the verdict. Both were bruised and bloody at the end and shared in a fine ovation.

Late substitute Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz, 131, handed South Philly's Alfonso Evans, 127, his first loss in ten pro starts via an 8-round decision. Ortiz dropped Evans in the first and outhustled him the rest of the way.

Baby Kid Chocolate, 119, won number nine in a row with a six round nod over Peanuts Emerson, 122. In another sixer Ron Branch, 138, finished fast to earn a draw with Damden's Mike Williams, 137.

Leroy Diggs, 210, scored a TKO when inept Bob Conners, 194, failed to come out for the second round and Lynwood Snowden, 122, stopped novice "Sugar Ray" Perkins, 119, in one.

New Yorker Jimmy Brackett opened the evening by outboxing William Berry in a featherweight four.

SPECTRUM — Local phenom Tyrone Everett gave an impressive performance stretching Jose Luis Lopez in the fourth round of their scheduled ten. The southpaw's complete superiority in every department proved once more that it will take a championship calibre boxer to give Tyrone a fight.

The 6,413 Everett worshippers saw Tyrone get off to a slow start but come alive when the Mexican jarred him with a right-hander in the third. Everett, 128½, tore into Lopez and put him down near the round's end. Referee Pete Tomasco goofed and called it a slip.

A perfect combination left Lopez, 129, for dead early in the fourth and gave Tyrone his fourteenth knockout in his 24 bout victory run.

Lopez, a tired campaigner after 70 recorded pro bouts, was never in the fight once Everett got going.

Perry "Li'l" Abner, 153, fought his usual exciting come from behind fight to TKO Tommy Von Hatten, 150, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten.

Abner, the self-christened "Mr. Action," is always in a thriller. Von Hatten got in some good licks but folded under Abner's persistent attack.

Jerome Artis, 132½, looked horrible shutting out Hector Espinoza, 130, over 8 rounds. Artis, now 9-1-1, had all the equipment to finish Espinoza but not the inclination.

Crowd pleasing Bruce Cantrell, 148, pounded his way to a bruising 8-round decision over game Frankie Davila, 147. Bruce suffered cuts over both eyes and visited the canvas in the fourth but outpunched Davila most of the time. Both cuts were the result of head butts.

Two of the city's brightest young prospects turned in sensational knockouts over respectable opponents. Welterweight Youngblood Williams starched Victor Henley with a smashing right in the second and junior lightweight Alfonso Evans blitzed Edwell Hunter in two.

Frank Sumpter, 161, ended 163½ pound Billy Early's modest streak with a well-earned decision.

ARENA — The Walker Brothers' ran a show at this venue on Easter Friday resulting in a pitiful turnout of around 200 faithful fans. In the main event local welter Jimmy Savage scored a second round TKO over New Yorker "Smooth" Gary Bailey.

After an uneventful first round Bailey retired in his corner the victim of a clash of heads. The cut was nasty and the doctor's decision wise.

Youngblood Williams, 153, struggled to his seventh win as a pro in a semi-final six over Tyrone Phelps, 149, from New York.

Kid Samson halted Tim Kirk in the opening round of a scheduled four. Kirk, who has lost all of his pro matches via knockout, should hang them up before he gets hurt. Both men are middleweights.

Morris "Shine" Grant, 142, tasted victory for the first time with a points win over Marvin Edwards, 140.

In other bouts Edward "Hotdog" Benson, 160, TKO'ed Ed Garvey, 157, in the opening stanza and Fred Sabat, 191, outmauled Robert Hill, 200, over four.

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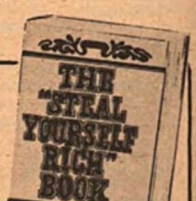

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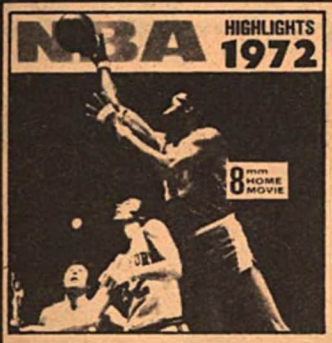

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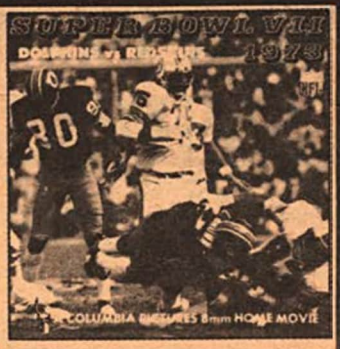

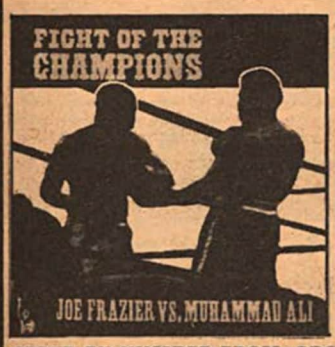

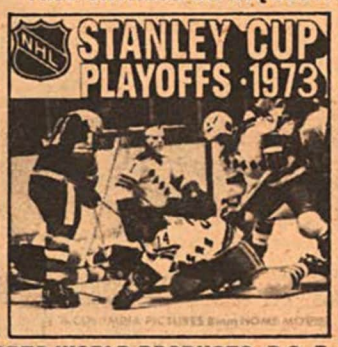

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THE BRITISH ISLE

By RON OLVER

TWENTY YEAR OLD SOLLAS WINS FEATHER TITLE, REVIE OUT IN 4

LONDON, ENGLAND — Ever since Vernon Sollas turned pro I have been extolling his praises, and have stated many times in this column that he was sure to become a champion. Now it has happened, and Sollas is still only 20 years old.

Boxing for the British featherweight title, left vacant on the retirement of champion Evan Armstrong, young Sollas, Edinburgh, 126, knocked out Jimmy Revie, Stockwell, 125½, in the fourth round.

It was a tremendous performance for one so young, and Sollas revealed a maturity well beyond his years.

Sometimes criticized for alleged flashiness and his imitation of the Ali-shuffle, Sollas cut out all these tactics on this occasion, concentrating on the job in hand.

Twelve months earlier Revie beat Sollas on points, and even then it was close. This time Sollas was much more experienced, and the 27-year-old Revie, who was never allowed to get his southpaw jab working.

A fast first round, in which Sollas came in with lefts to the head and hard rights to the body. Revie retaliated with a two-handed attack to the head, but Sollas finished the round strongly, and Revie bled from the mouth.

Second round, the pattern still the same, both working hard but Sollas punching the harder. Revie was cut on the nose in the third, and Sollas was content to allow his opponent to make the play, then move in quickly with sharp counters.

Frequent body blows seemed to be having their effect on Revie, but it came as a major shock in the fourth when a right to the chin left him wobbly at the knees. Sollas was quick to follow up, and two punches to the chin put Jimmy on the canvas.

Revie stayed on one knee, rose at eight, the signal for Sollas to hurl himself forward and unleash a fusilade of blows that put Revie on to his knees.

A right uppercut appeared to catch Revie while he was down, but referee Sid Nathan did not take any action, guiding Sollas to a corner while he took up the count.

Revie rose at nine, mouth bleeding, and looking ready for the kill. Sollas poured in punch after punch, with Revie going down — and out. Rolling over on his back, he had nothing left to help him get up, and the count was a formality.

It was an impressive display of accurate and exciting punching by Sollas, who thus became the youngest British featherweight champion since Ted Kid Lewis won the title in 1913. Ted was 18 at the time, but no fighter can compete for a British title today until he is 20.

Naturally there were scenes of tremendous enthusiasm, with Sollas donning his tartan cap and obviously elated at his success. I have said all along that Sollas is that rare breed, a "natural," and there aren't too many of those around these days.

Revie was in a distressed state, and it was a short while before he was ready to leave the ring after receiving medical attention.

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BUNNY JOHNSON

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Mani Vaka (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Danny McAlinden (I)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Wendell Newton (Bah)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
Steve Aczel (A)

1. John Conteh (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Johnny Frankham (E)
4. Vic Attivor (G)
5. Tim Wood (E)
6. Roy John (W)
7. Pat McCann (E)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Greg McNamara (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Battling Laavassa (Sam)
5. Alan Minter (E)
6. Dave Downey (C)
7. Gary Broughton (C)
8. Carl Speare (E)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Dave Dakers (Br. Hon)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Championship
Vacat

1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant)
3. Charkey Ramon (A)
4. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
5. Mony Betham (NZ)
6. Donato Paduano (C)
7. Pongi Lie (Ton)
8. Matt Donovan (Tr)
9. Kevin White (E)
10. Jean Claud Leclair (C)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (J)
7. Jeff Gale (W)
8. Kenny Webber (E)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Lennox Beckles (Guy)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Johnny Summerhays (C)
6. Colin Cassidy (A)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Lawrence Hafey (C)
9. Danny Agnew (A)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Championship
Vacant

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Jonathan Dele (N)
4. Percy Hayles (J)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Andy Broome (A)
7. Tommy Dunn (E)
8. Paul Collette (C)
9. Jeff Malcolm (A)
10. Brian Jones (W)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
David Poison Kotey (G)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Merv Wockner (A)
6. Bingo Crooks (J)
7. Alan Buchanan (S)
8. Alan Richardson (E)
9. Howard Hayes (E)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Paddy Maguire (I)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Brian Clout (A)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Paddy Graham (I)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. George Turpin (E)
10. Jim Slatter (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
3. John McCluskey (S)

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His wife Brenda was very upset and tried to get into the ring, but eventually Jimmy was O.K.

It is possible that he may now retire, but in any case he will have a lay-off before making a decision.

Regarding the blow that allegedly caught Jimmy while he was on the canvas, manager Dennie Mancini was incensed, and said that in his opinion Sollas should at least have been censured, which would have given Revie time to recover.

It seemed that referee Nathan took the view that the blow was the final one in a combination of punches, and could not be pulled back, rather than a deliberate attempt to hit Revie when he was on the floor.

It was indeed unfortunate that anything of this nature should detract from Sollas' performance, but the latter did look to be well on the way to victory before the controversial punch occurred.

A sporting Revie said that although that punch took everything out of him, Sollas is a good fighter.

A wonderful night for the young Scot, whose father Vernon Sollas Senior came to Britain from Jamaica, and boxed professionally at the same weight with moderate success in the forties and early fifties.

Sollas is a cheerful, confident (many would say cocky) individual who has always maintained he would win the title. Like Muhammad Ali, he's a good talker, and also like Ali, he can back it up with ability.

Alan Minter, Crawley, 158¾, outpointed former British light middleweight champion Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 156, by 98½-98 over ten.

It wasn't a popular decision, and there were several demonstrations of disapproval from the crowd for quite some minutes.

However, it was a close one, and possibly Minter's good finish, or rather the fact that Paul didn't seem to throw a lot of punches in the final rounds, clinched the issue.

Paul didn't agree with the verdict, but if he had been busier at the end he might have won.

Southpaw Minter took a few rights to the head, but showed more aggression than his rival, and this was the big difference between the two.

It was a scrappy affair, with warnings to both men, and Paul was boxing well, yet negatively.

Minter was cut around the right eye in the seventh, but the injury didn't bother him, and although Paul continued to land the occasional right to the head, Larry boxed on the retreat in the closing stages, when he should have been going forward and trying to score.

Paul Davis, Stepney, 147, scored his sixth straight win by outpointing Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 150, over six twos by 59-58½. This was a repeat performance, their previous bout at the beginning of the year bringing nobbins. This was in similar mould.

A fast contest throughout, Davis proved the busier, and was never satisfied with landing single punches.

Billy Knight, Walworth, 171½, stopped Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 174, in the fifth. The latter hadn't been down, but had taken enough.

The more experienced Thompson gave prospect Knight a good fight, and impressed in the early stages with good left jabbing. From the third, however, Knight found his range, and dominated the exchanges until the close. Thompson had to take three hard lefts to the fact without reply when the referee intervened.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 154½, comfortably outscored Dave Davies, Bangor, 154, by 79½-78 over eight, Batten's eighth successive victory, and the first time he has boxed this distance.

In these circumstances, it was a noteworthy performance and one which puts him among the top men in the light middleweight division.

The last two rounds might have been expected to be in Davies' favor, but Batten paced the fight well, jabbed accurately, remained calm under pressure against an opponent who kept on the attack.

Davies twice shook his man with good right hands, but Batten proved he could take a punch well, and still come back to dominate the exchanges in a fine contest.

Gary Dunks, Stepney, 140, easily outpointed Ray Holdcroft, Bradford, 138, over six, by 60-57½. Dunks was two pounds over the stipulated weight for this contest, but Holdcroft would not accept any forfeit money.

Dunks had this one firmly in control, with Holdcroft cut on the mouth and over the left eye, but Ray kept coming in and doing his best to get to grips with his more skilful opponent, and Gary couldn't ever rest on his laurels.

British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson, 186¾, had no trouble in stopping Puerto Rican Angel Oquendo, 188, referee Mark Hart intervening with 15 seconds left of the tenth and final round.

Substitute Oquendo was game enough, and was never off his feet, but was outclassed in every department. His face showed the marks of Johnson's accurate punching, and the British champion must have had one of his easiest fights for some time.

Johnson dictated the pace throughout, and it was more like a spar-session at times.

Hooks and uppercuts followed Bunny's normal jabbing routine, and it was a bewildered Oquendo who tried to get to grips with his opponent, but never could. Johnson's classy footwork was much too much for the Puerto Rican.

Oquendo didn't think it should have been stopped, but he had just taken three hard punches without reply, and referee Hart was absolutely right.

There were a few boos, and obviously some fans expected Johnson to floor his man and stop him decisively, but Bunny is more noted for his skills than for taking a man out with one punch. It could be a different story if the British champion were 28 pounds heavier.

Billy Knight, East Lane, 170, stopped substitute Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 178, in two rounds, and again the beaten boxer complained that the ending was premature.

However, referee Doug Jenkins could see the writing on the wall after Roger had been on the receiving end and wasn't really fighting back.

Once Knight found his range his punching was far too hard and accurate for Roger, whose right swings rarely landed.

Frankie Lucas, Croydon, 168, outpointed Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 160½, over six, by 59½-59. Unbeaten southpaw Lucas thus gave manager George Francis his third win on this bill, the others being Conteh and Johnson.

Lucas kept on top of his opponent with hooks and jabs, with Gregory doing his best to counter. A good bout to watch.

It was the sixth successive victory for Albert Hillman, Orpington, 152½, who confirmed a previous win by outscoring substitute Augustus Simms, Brixton, 157½, over six by 60-58.

Hillman didn't lose a round, but Simms wouldn't concede an inch, and was always fighting back. Hillman was cut on the left eyelid in the fifth, but this came too late for Simms to take any real advantage, although the latter did get home with a few rights to the head.

John L. Gardner, Hackney, 198½, made it 13 straight wins by stopping Peter Freeman, Bolton, 204½, just 50 seconds before the end of the sixth and final round, after Freeman had been down twice.

Gardner just kept punching away, and eventually slowed his opponent right down. It was a right to the chin that put Freeman down in the final session, and he rose, leg weary, only to go right down again.

Referee Mark Hart started the count, then broke it off to enable Freeman to get quick medical attention. A good decision.

Dave Green, Chatteris, 142¾, stopped substitute Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140¼, in two. Official reason was a cut over the left eye, but Green was well on top.

Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Jim Montague, Coventry, 144, was adjudged to have outpointed Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 142½, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½, but this result didn't go down too well with the patrons.

Southpaw Montague did his best work in the latter half of the fight, following his right jabs with accurate left crosses, but Kirk's early aggression and clean punching must have given him a good lead.

Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 143½, drew with Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 138¾, over six. This time it was the man who put in a good second half that seemed to have done enough to win, but Evans got only a draw and was obviously disappointed.

Alex Penarski, Alfreton, 180, outscored Len Britton, Doncaster, 174, over six by 59-58. Plenty of action, but short on skill. John Sagar, Barnsely, 140, stopped John Silky, Leeds, 137, in three. Silky injured his right elbow and retired.

Ulster Hall, Belfast — Former boxers Gerry Hassett and Jackie Briers, promoter and matchmaker respectively, are attempting to revive boxing in this city, and their first show brought a capacity crowd. Long may this state of affairs continue.

There were six entrants for the £500 Heavyweight competition, with results as follows:

1st Round: Wesley McKee, Helens Bay, 180, knocked out Ray Hamilton, Lisburn, 186½, in two; Dessie Reynolds, Belfast, 212, stopped Ian Glenn, Doagh, 182, in three; Roy Bailey, Bangor, 177, stopped Mad Joe Murphy, 182, in three.

Semi-finals: Reynolds knocked out Bailey in one; McKee a bye.

Final: Reynolds knocked out McKee in one.

All novices, of course, so not a lot of skill, but plenty of incident. Reynolds looked a good prospect, so much so that Gerry Hassett said he intended to manage him.

Also on the bill John Breen, Falls Road, 161, outscored Karl McCarthy, 165½, over six "twos" by 60-59½. Both were making their debuts.

Well done, Gerry and Jackie, and good luck for the future.

Yorkshire Executive Sportsmens Club, Bradford — Carl Speare, Liverpool, 158½, won the vacant Central Area middleweight title by outpointing Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, 156½, by 99-97½ over ten.

An important victory for Speare, for it puts him in line for an eliminating contest for the British title.

The bout was furiously contested, and both suffered injuries. McHugh had a cut forehead and mouth, and was also cut by both eyes. Speare had a cut eyelid in the final round after a clash of heads, which required five stitches.

McHugh was handicapped by his injuries, and looked the wearier of the two at the close, but Speare improved as the fight progressed and was good value for his win, even though fortunate that the eye injury came so late in the fight.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 126, drew with Steve Enwright, Halifax, 125, over six. It was a battle of fluctuating fortunes, with Tuohey showing up well in the early stages, and Enwright coming good in the second half of the bout.

Jim Devanney, Bradford, 150, outpointed Steve Stocks, Sheffield, 149¼, over six by 60-57½. A clear victory in a contest that never reached the heights.

Ralph Green, Durham, 178, outscored Steve Walker, Birmingham, 176, over eight twos by 79-77½. A rouser to round off the show.

Gosforth Park Hotel — George McGurk, Jarrow, 136, outpointed Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 135½, over eight twos by 79½-78½. This was a charity show, organized by the Variety Club of Great Britain, and the three bouts produced plenty of incident.

McGurk was a late substitute, and kept his nose in front throughout, in spite of Holdcroft's aggression. McGurk's clever footwork stood him in good stead whenever he was driven to the corners, and the patrons liked it so much that they tossed in nobbins to the tune of £26.

Terry Schofield, Shildon, 149, outscored Jim Moore, Bradford, 148, over six twos by 59½-58. The taller Schofield was able to keep his man at bay and use his left jab to good effect in gaining a comfortable victory.

After over two years inactivity Dave Massey, Manchester, 147, kayoed Paul Duckworth, Leeds, 149, in the opening round with a left hook.

As he fell Duckworth broke his left leg and was taken to hospital. It was announced that he would be unlikely to box again, so sporting fans tossed in £160, and the Charity Committee donated £50 to help him.

Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Henry Rhiney, Luton, 151¼, beat Kevin White, Wells, 150, the bout being stopped at the end of the first round when White sustained a cut on the left eyelid.

Substitute Tony Allen, Birmingham, 174, outpointed Dave Parris, Tottenham, 183, by 79-77½, over eight interesting rounds. Allen's left jab was always in evidence, and although Parris contested it well until the end he could never make up the leeway.

It is rare that a boxer does not know how many rounds he is supposed to fight. John Depledge, Bristol, 218, thought his bout had finished at the end of six rounds, but was promptly told he had two more to go. Clearly unhappy, he was then disqualified for alleged holding in the seventh, leaving Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 200, the winner.

This was Simpkin's second win over Delpedge, and was thoroughly deserved. Depledge had been warned several times previously.

Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 127, outscored Brian Wilson, Birmingham, 128, over six after being decked in the opening session, and again in the second round from a low punch that earned Wilson a warning.

After this Pritchard found no difficulty in outboxing his man. Roy Commosioung, Luton, 151, by 79-78½. Close enough, and only a rousing finish clinched the issue for Devanney.

National Sporting Club, London — John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 126, outpointed Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 127½, over eight by 80-78, a clear victory in which he decked his man in the third for a short count.

Mitchell excelled in close, and although Trembath fought back well, he could never get on terms with his more skillful opponent.

Hugh Smith, Chapel Hill, 141, comfortably outscored Ray Fallone, Battersea, 142½, over eight twos by 80-76½. Smith jabbed his way to victory, Fallone's experience not being enough.

John Sagar, Barnsley, 138, stopped Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 137, in the sixth and final round after flooring him three times.

Rab Affleck, Glasgow, 178½, kayoed Len Britton, Doncaster, 175, in the second. It was Affleck's fifth straight win as a pro.

20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, easily outscored Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 159, by 80-77 over eight, which meant he didn't lose a round.

Francis made light of his weight disadvantage, and boxed well considering he was just getting over a bout of influenza.

In spite of being well outpointed, Angus kept coming forward and throwing swings, later boxing on the retreat and trying to counter. Rarely successful, he never gave up, and the fans threw in nobbins at the end. Angus was decked in the final round, getting up immediately.

George Gray, Bradford, 176, outpointed Carl Watson, Camberwell, over eight twos by 79-78. A grim battle, with Gray bruised under the left eye in the sixth, Gray going through the ropes in the seventh, and Gray staging a fine rally to clinch the issue in the final round.

Mick Hinton, Penge, 149, beat Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 154, the referee stopping the bout in the third round when Evans was cut over the right eye.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 162, outscored Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 163, over eight twos by 79-77½ in a not-very-interesting contest.

Sid Paddock, Southampton, 196, outpointed David Fry, Bournemouth, 206, over eight by 79-78. Again not much to enthuse over.

York Hall, London — Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 160½, impressed in outscoring Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 161½, by 78½-77½ over eight.

Gregory was in an aggressive mood as he decked his man with a left hook to the chin in the opening session, and he kept up the pressure for the remainder of the round.

Cain did the best thing possible in keeping the fight at long range from the second round onwards, moving quickly to avoid his opponent's hard hooks.

Gregory's left eye was swollen in the third, but he was able to score frequently when Cain neglected his defenses. Cain was cut over the left eye in the seventh, the referee inspected the injury, ordered "Box on," and although Cain put in a good finish he couldn't make up the leeway.

Cary Dunks, Stepney, 140, outpointed Jess Harper, Manchester, 139¾ over eight by 78½-78, the closest possible winning margin.

This confirmed a previous victory, which was disputed, and there was little between them this time. Fortunes fluctuated, with Dunks' grandstand finish earning him the verdict. When they met before the distance was only six rounds, so obviously Dunks took full advantage of the extra six minutes.

Alan Salter, Peckham, 143¾, was decked twice in the first round, yet came back to beat Dave Massey, Manchester, 145, in the third, the referee stopping the bout with Massey in trouble.

Massey was a late substitute, and looked as if he would cause an upset, but Salter got the better of the exchanges as they fought it out toe-to-toe in the second session.

An exciting crowd-pleaser, with the fans tossing in nobbins even though it only lasted for 4 min. 40 sec.

Paul Davis, Stepney, 149½, kayoed Roy Stevens, Croydon, 146½, in the opening session, with Stevens complaining that he thought he had been hit low.

Jimmy Flint, Stepney, 126½, outpointed Gerry McBride, Manchester, 128, over six by 60-57½. Plenty of action, with Flint's skill superior to McBride's aggression.

St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — John Smith, Glasgow, 151, won the vacant Scottish light-middleweight title by outscoring Derek Simpson, 151½, over ten by 99-97½.

Simpson opened impressively, scoring with both hands, but tired after the half-way stage, when Smith came into his own with sharp jabs to the face.

A right to the chin decked Simpson in the fifth, but he rose immediately, only to be subjected to punishment in the last few rounds. He finished with cuts around the left eye and the lip, and Smith was a worthy winner.

Raf Affleck, Irvine, 175½, comfortably outpointed George Gray, Bradford, 176, over six by 59½-58½. Southpaw Gray had to take frequent jabs to the face, and his own tactics of trying to lure Affleck in close never worked.

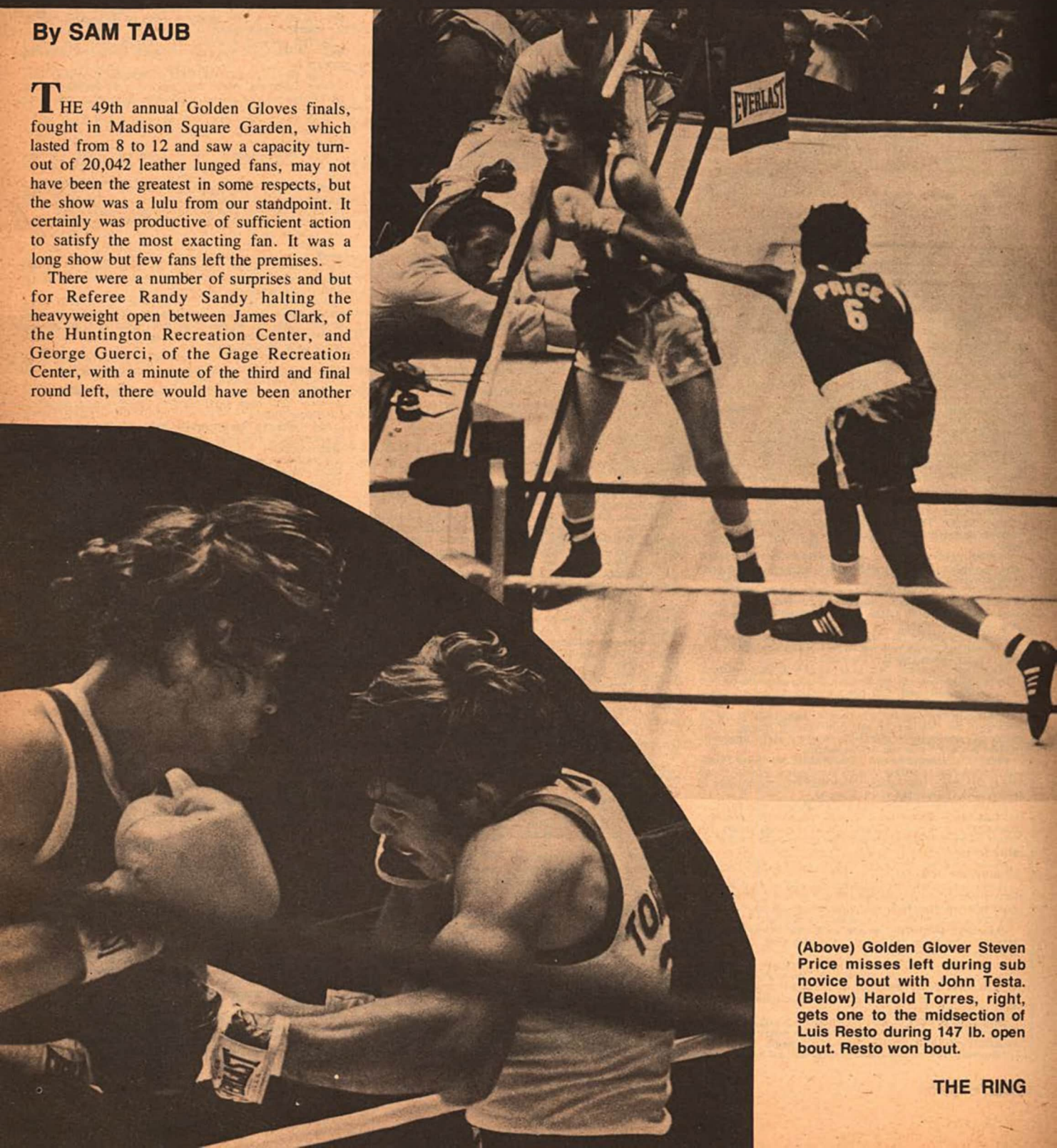
Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 136, stopped Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 142, in five after Aldis had been floored twice.

ONLY ONE KO MARKS FINALS AS GOLDEN GLOVES STIR N.Y.

By SAM TAUB

THE 49th annual Golden Gloves finals, fought in Madison Square Garden, which lasted from 8 to 12 and saw a capacity turnout of 20,042 leather lunged fans, may not have been the greatest in some respects, but the show was a lulu from our standpoint. It certainly was productive of sufficient action to satisfy the most exacting fan. It was a long show but few fans left the premises.

There were a number of surprises and but for Referee Randy Sandy halting the heavyweight open between James Clark, of the Huntington Recreation Center, and George Guerci, of the Gage Recreation Center, with a minute of the third and final round left, there would have been another



(Above) Golden Glover Steven Price misses left during sub novice bout with John Testa. (Below) Harold Torres, right, gets one to the midsection of Luis Resto during 147 lb. open bout. Resto won bout.

mark set, a Golden Glove card without a kayo. . .

Clark had his man in trouble when the bout was halted. In the final of the sub-novice heavyweight, Robert Castro, dominated the action as he clearly outpounched and knocked down his game rival, Ralph Fucci, both men representing the N.Y. City Recreation, Lost Battalion.

There were 17 bouts, as the 135 pound open produced a rarity, brother facing brother. . .Julio and Carlos Paneto, emerged as co-champions. They came into the ring ready for action, were introduced as co-champions and received a standing ovation. This was the third time a brother-brother team emerged victorious.

The big surprise of the night happened in the 118 pound open final, when Jim Magnifico, once associated with the Bobby Gleason outfit came in unattached, and received the surprise of his life when he was outpunched by John Verderosa, Curtis High senior. Magnifico, who has had success in previous Golden Gloves shows, tried to overcome his man, hoping he'd tire, but the underdog kept up his bombardment to the delight of the crowd. The two fought their hearts out.

This was one of the many great settos that were witnessed by the turnout crowd, which saw many of our famous citizens, folks like Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz, showing their enthusiasm and applauding the efforts of the boys fighting for the Daily News annual charity affair, the winners being many of our top charities.

There were many thrillers despite the long siege the boys had in going through the preliminary stages while working their way into the finals.

In the 118 pound sub-novice, for instance, which was a thriller, Frank Corvino, of the Huguenot YMCA, emerged victorious over Joshua King, of the United Block Association.

From the West Point Military Academy, many of the boys were enticed by the presence of one of their fellow cadets, albeit they couldn't change the outcome despite their vocal contribution. This was in the 147 pound sub-novice quarrel when their man was Kevin Huggins, of the Army AA, who was down in the first canto and couldn't make it, as he gamely tried, in a final flourish in the last round against Kevin Rooney, of the PAL, 120th Precinct.

Naturally most of the crowd were rooting for the old haymaker and the fighters tried hard to make their wishes come true. But the gladiators had come a long way and were not thinking of being up-ended in the big one, before the tremendous turnout.

Another popular win in the sub-novice division, was the victory scored by Alfred Tobe, of the PAL, 120th Precinct, a hard fought affair in which he won the decision over Patrick Esposito, representing the Lost Battalion, N.Y.C. Recreation.

There was a Mutt and Jeff aspect to one of the skirmishes, the 106 pound open, when Claudio Rivera, N.Y. City Recreation, outsmarted his rangier foe Clifton Melvin, from the Cage Recreation Center.

John Davis, of the Time Out Club, saved the family name, when he defeated Gerald Cooney, of the N.Y. City Recreation Battalion, in a rugged setto. Cooney had beaten Davis' brother in the preliminaries and tried

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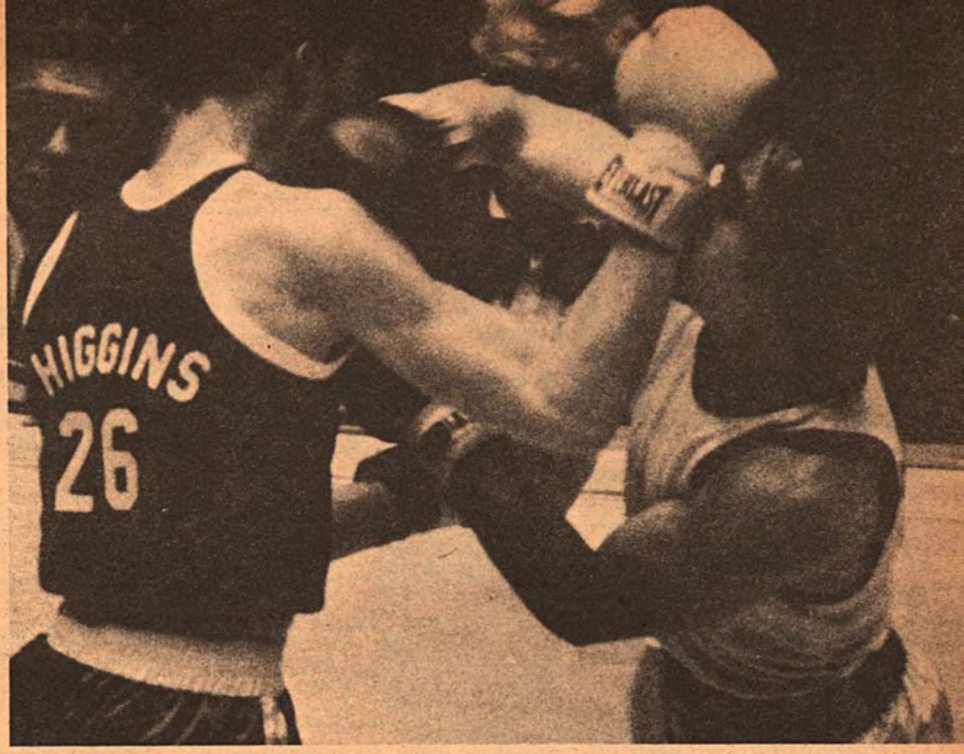
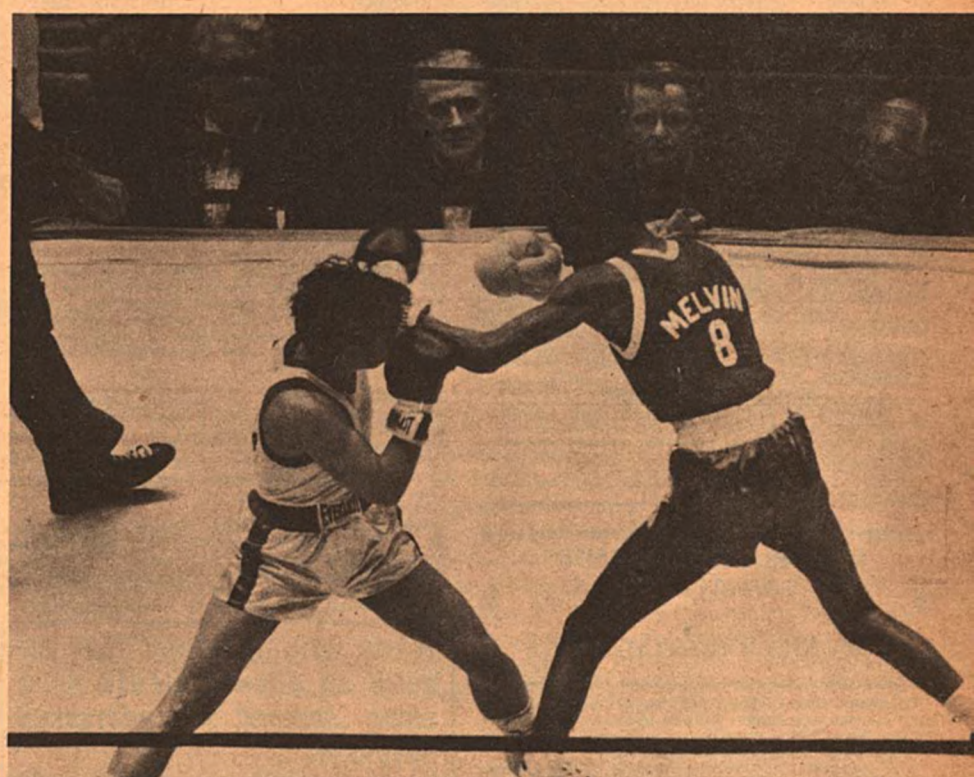


Kevin Rooney and Kevin Higgins, both connecting with rights, mix it up. The winner was Kevin Rooney, 147 pound sub novice.



Claudio Rivera, in white trunks and Clifton Melvin, exchange blows in 106 pound Golden Gloves held at Madison Square Garden. Rivera won the bout.

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RON SHIELDS, 16, NAMED NO. 1 AMATEUR OF U.S.

By BILL CUMMINGS, JR.

Columbus, Ohio. . . .The United States Amateur Boxers and Coaches Association recently released it's quarterly ratings. Some 110 amateur boxers are rated in the eleven Olympic weight categories, ten in each class.

▲Bill cummings, Jr., USABCA Executive Secretary states that the Coaches Association Rating Committee, selected Ronnie Shields, 16 years old, Beaumont, Texas schoolboy as the most promising boxer for this period.

Shields in his first year of open competition, was sensational in defeating five opponents to win the 1975 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions Featherweight Crown at Knoxville, Tenn.

▲Heavyweight Emory Chapman, Atlanta, Georgia, medical student, moved into the number one slot, by sweeping through the division in winning the National G.G., stopping three of five opponents.

▲Chapman replaced Philadelphia's Marvin Stinson who did not compete in the Golden Gloves.

▲The eleven top amateur boxers in the U.S. are as follows: Emory Chapman, Atlanta, Ga., 178 lbs.; Frank Williams, Jr., Cinti, O. 178 lbs.; Tommy Sullivan, Portland, Ore. 165 lbs.; Ray Phillips, Ft. Worth, Tex. 156 lbs.; Clinton Jackson, Evergreen, Ala. 147 lbs.; Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md. 139 lbs.; Aaron Pryor, Cinti. O. 132 lbs.; Howard Davis, New York, N.Y. 125 lbs.; Miguel Ayala, San Antonio, Tex. 119 lbs.; Leo Randolph, Tacoma, Wash. 112 lbs.; Claudell Atkins, St. Louis, Mo. 106 lbs. See enclosed for complete ratings.

HEAVYWEIGHT OVER 178 LBS. 1. Emory Chapman, Atlanta, Ga. 2. Johnny Tate, Jackson, Tenn. 3. Marvin Stinson, Phila. Pa. 4. Charles Cornet, Miami, Fla. 5. Helton Willis, Washington, D.C. 6. William Washington, Ft. Worth, Tex. 7. Gregory Page, Louisville, Ky. 8. Brian Jenkins, Elizabeth, N.J. 9. Robert Grandham, Hutchinson, Kan. 10. Robert Bryant, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT 178 LBS. 1. Frank Williams, Jr., Cinti, O. 2. Leon Spinks, U.S. Marine Corp. 3. Gary Hatfield, Huntington, W.Va. 4. Reginald Phillips, Los Angeles, Calif. 5. Mike Dokes, Akron, O. 6. Joe Chaney, Washington, D.C. 7. James Tillie, Hutchinson, Kan. 8. Liston Jones, Grand Rapids, Mich. 9. Paul Ramos, Cleveland, O. 10. Woody Clark, Miami, Fla.

WELTERWEIGHT 147 LBS. 1. Clinton Jackson, Evergreen, Ala. 2. Odell Leonard, Charlotte, N.C. 3. Robert White, Pittsburgh, Pa. 4. Fred Tuttle, Washington, D.C. 5. Roger Leonard, U.S. Air Force 6. Larry McCall, Cinti, O. 7. Fred Darden, St. Louis, Mo. 8. Tyrone Wren, Kansas City, Mo. 9. Vic McGlonn, Milwaukee, Wis. 10. Kenneth Croom, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT 139 LBS. 1. Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md. 2. Pete Seward, Columbus, O. 3. Paul Sherry, San Francisco, Calif. 4. Larry Hinnant, Washington, D.C. 5. Rosevelt Green, Cinti, O. 6. Angel Villareal, Milwaukee, Wis. 7. Marvin Green, Columbus, O. 8. Robert Basquez, Ft. Worth, Tex. 9. Roberto Colon, Miami, Fla. 10. Joe Angella, Roswell, New. Mex.

MIDDLEWEIGHT 165 LBS. 1. Tommy Sullivan, Portland, Oregon 2. Irvin Hines, Winston Salem, N.C. 3. Michael Spinks, St. Louis, Mo. 4. Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo. 5. Chubby Brown, Roswell, New Mexico 6. Carlton Swift, Knoxville, Tenn. 7. Frank Minton, Indianapolis, Ind. 8. Ronald Lee, Lafayette, La. 9. James Williams, Tacoma, Wash. 10. Mark McKeever, Columbus, O.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT 156 LBS. 1. Ray Phillips, Ft. Worth, Tex. 2. Willie Taylor, Charlotte, N.C. 3. Jerome Bennett, U.S. Air Force 4. James Thomas, Cinti, O. 5. Claude Kleiman, Minneapolis, Minn. 6. Richard Keith, Kansas City, Mo. 7. Matt Snowden, Knoxville, Tenn. 8. Allen Young, St. Louis, Mo. 9. Randy Graves, Huntington, W. Va. 10. Bobby Juarez, Modesto, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHT 132 LBS. 1. Aaron Pryor, Cinti. O. 2. James Kenty, Columbus, O. 3. Curtis Harris, Elizabeth, N.J. 4. Steve Sample, Cleveland, O. 5. Al Armstrong, Tacoma, Wash. 6. Cliff Hinkle, Denver, Colo. 7. Scotty Foreman, Lafayette, La. 8. Ervin Davis, Knoxville, Tenn. 9. Rick Kaiser, Omaha, Neb. 10. Daryl Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.

FEATHERWEIGHT 125 LBS. 1. Howard Davis, New York, N.Y. 2. Ronnie Shields, Beaumont, Tex. 3. Mike Johnson, Columbus, O. 4. Gregory Coverson, Detroit, Mich. 5. Ray Theragood, Roswell, N.M. 6. Benjamin Stiff, E. St. Louis, Ill. 7. Carlos Calderon, Miami, Fla. 8. Francisco Flores, Los Angeles, Calif. 9. Davy Armstrong, Tacoma, Wash. 10. Charles Buggs, Columbus, O.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRAZER

GOSS TRAVELS TO COAST TO BE STOPPED BY LUNNY IN 8

SAN CARLOS — Proving he is the bay area's top box office attraction, Ray Lunny, the third, brought out 3,000 fans who contributed $20,250 to see him stop Sammy Goss at the Circle Star Theatre.

Lunny outpunched and outboxed the Philadelphia scrapper all the way. Goss was in a groggy condition when the match was halted midway in the eighth round.

Leroy Walker, 135, San Francisco, stopped Dave Kibby, 135½, Eureka, (5); King David Smith, 171½, Los Angeles, dec. over Valentine Kelly, 166, San Francisco, (8).

Joe Gagliardi's Garden City Boxing Club handled the promotion.

▲**SACRAMENTO** — Monroe Brooks left the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento thinking he had won a ninth round rechnical knockout over David Oropeza.

Ten days later, the California Athletic Commission reversed the decision, calling the contest a draw. The reason was that Oropeza was cut from the result of an accidental butt—at the time, the referee errored by giving the fight to brooks.

The so called "butt" rule in California is that the boxer that suffers the cut from a butt, gets a draw if he is behind on points, which was the case of Oropeza.

Up to the strange finish, Brooks was in full command.

Monroe weighed 145, the Arizona welterweight, 147.

The gate was $12,690 and the promoter, Babe Griffin.

Pete Ranzany, 146½, Sacramento, dec. over Gonzalo Rodriguez, 150, San Jose, (8); Fidel Fraijo, 130, Los Angeles, KO over Jorge Torres, 128, Mexico, (1); Nacho Jimenez, 135, Sacramento, dec. over Javier Caballero, 135½, El Paso, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES, CAL.** — Alberto Davila, 118, Pomona, scored one of his rare knockouts, halting Jose del Rio, 118½, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Davila was awarded the bout int he fifth, when del Rio couldn't continue. Jose was nursing a broken nose.

Alberto started right off with plenty of lethal swinging. He had del Rio down early in the first, then continued to set a fast pace.

Danny O'Campo, 122, Los Angeles, dec. over Freddy Gonzalez, 119, East Los Angeles, (6); James Jackson, 149, Los Angeles, KO over Jesus Burciago, 149, Mexico, (2); Ignacio Bravo, 126, Mexico, dec. over Rufino Hernandez, 128, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Puerto Rico's Jose Peterson, 136½, got a poor welcome from Mike Mayon, 137, San Diego, in their 10 round feature at the Coliseum.

Making his first start on the West Coast, Peterson was knocked out in the eighth round. The Puerto Rican's style was made to order for Mayon, who used a body-head combination to end matters.

In a second 10-rounder, Joe Medrano, 127½, Los Angeles, and Jose Olivares, 128, Mexico, banged away for 10 rounds. The result was a popular draw.

Eladio Leal, 125, San Diego, dec. over Pat Reyes, 128, National City; (5); James Jackson, 151, Los Angeles, dec. over Tony Harrington, 160, San Diego, (5).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — For three rounds, Carlos Becerril looked as if he were going to be a lopsided winner over newcomer Jose Torres of Guadalajara, Mexico.

RAY LUNNY

Becerril, 128, was landing the majority of the punches, while Torres hid behind a peekaboo defense.

Torres made it so easy for Carlos that the Los Angeles fighter should have suspected something.

Tired of playing the waiting game, Torres exploded midway in the fourth. He decked Becerril at 1:37 with a wicked right to the chin. Carlos beat the count, but another minute later, he was draped over the middle rope strand.

Referee Dick Young then had to raise Torres' hand. He weighted 127.

Raul Rosette, 119½, North Hollywood, dec. over Danny O'Campo, 119, Los Angeles, (6); Juan Lopez, 120½, Los Angles, KO over Lino Casillas, 123, Mexico, (6); Tino Gonzalez, 122½, Los Angles, KO over Chato Ortega, 124, Mexico, (2).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Irish Randy Shields hardly had time to work up a sweat in his scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

The former national Golden Gloves champion finished off Armando Montemayor of the Philippines at 2:38 of the second round. It was a right uppercut to the jaw that did the job.

The win gave Randy his 15th knockout out of 21 consecutive victories. The blond North Hollywood college student was just too

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CAULIFLOWER GANG HONORS JOE LOUIS

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — All-time No. 1 heavyweight champion Joe Louis was honored in Hollywood, Calif. in a spectacular boxing gathering sponsored by the Cauliflower Alley Club. Louis was joined in the all-star show with ring immortals Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, Gorilla Jones, Georgie Levine, Phil Bloom, Lou Nova, ex-Boxing Commissioner Everett Sanders, Jackie Fields and wrestling stars Mike Mazurki and Count Billy Varga in attendance.

Louis, who recently won The Ring Magazine poll as greatest heavyweight king, was given a special Ring accolade for his great contributions to boxing. The ex-Detroit Brown Bomber was champion from 1937 to 1949.

He defended his title 27 times, a record for heavyweight defenses. Joe retired in 1951 following his KO by the late Rocky Marciano. Louis is currently employed in Las Vegas, Nevada, as a greeter and host of special entertainment events.

During the awards show which was held in Hollywood's Masquer's Hall, Cauliflower Alley Club president Mike Mazurki announced the formation of a Hall of Fame, which will be located in Hollywood. The boxing shrine will include many ring treasures like old boxing films, diamond belts, ring portraits of famous champions and personal collections of great fighters.

Among the many ring idols eligible for induction into the Boxing Hall of Fame are Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Sugar Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong, Jackie Fields, Jimmy McLarnin, Barney Ross, Benny Leonard, Mickey Walker, Harry Greb, Gene Tunney and many more ring immortals. Former fighters and title contenders who are active members of the Cauliflower Alley Club include vice-president Lou Nova, "Kid" Chissell, Willie Bean, Jackie McCoy, Red Shannon, Clarence Henry, Rodolfo Gonzales, Frankie Garcia and Bobby Seamen.

Champions in the club are Jimmy McLarnin, Gorilla Jones, Mushy Callahan, the late boxing promoter George Parnassus, Jackie Fields, Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Jack Dempsey and Henry Armstrong.

CALIFORNIA CAULIFLOWER ALLEY CLUB

Joe Louis, Lou Nova, Mike Mazurki. Joe Receiving "Laugh To Win Award."

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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tall and had much too much firepower for the Filipino.

Each weighed 136½.

Raul Rosette, 119, North Hollywood, dec. over Jose Orantes, 122½, Mexico, (6); Bobby Larsen, 132, Los Angeles, dec. overGuillermo Gonzalez, 134, East Los Angeles (6); Joe Medrano, 128, Los Angeles, KO over Augustin Martinez, 129, Mexico, (3); Jesus Burciago, 147½, Los Angeles, KO over Bo Spencer, 145, So. West Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Rudy Hernandez, 139, Stanton, Cal., was an impressive winner in his first main event effort, stopping Gene Prado, 135, Mexico, in the ninth round at the Coliseum.

Hernandez is undefeated and regarded as one of California's better young prospects. He is managed by ex pro Red Shannon.

Seco Luna, 120, National City, dec. over Eladio Leal, 120, Mexico, (5); Alberto Gonzales, 139, San Diego, dec. over Paul Acevedo, 135¾, Los Angeles, (5); Alex Cota, 126, Mexico, dec. over Miguel Ruiz, 128, San Diego, (5).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Veteran Ronnie Wilson, 172, Vancouver, B.C., outsmarted young Carlos Tijerina, 172, San Diego, in their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

It was Tijerina's second main event outing and he just didn't have the experience to handle Wilson. Ronnie has been at his trade since 1967 and has had close to 100 pro bouts.

The gate was $4,290.

Juvencio Bernal, 141, Los Angeles, KO over Allen Gantt, 135½, San Diego, (3); Paul Acevedo, 135½, Los Angeles, KO over Pedro Hernandez, 136, Mexico, (1); Marty Manuelua, 167½, San Diego, dec. over Fred Gilbert, 161, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — In one of Mickey Davies' best action bouts of the year, Jimmy Heair, 138½, El Paso, had to turn on the steam to grab off a close 10-round decision from Centatvito Hernandez, 139, Mexico City.

Heair, who formerly boxed out of Mississippi, is now making El Paso his home base.

Art Roddy, 155½, San Diego, KO over Fred Gilbert, 159, Los Angeles, (4); James Jackson, 146, Los Angeles, decision over Dave Lopez, 147, (6); Fernando Jones, 184½, San Diego, KO over Curt Young, 206½, Los Angeles, (4).

The crowd numbered 2,100 and the gate was $4,669.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Young Carlos Palomino, 148, Long Beach, apparently wrote finis to the career of once promising Zovek Barajas.

Palomino gave Barajas a one sided licking, finally stopping him in the ninth round. Earlier, the two had fought to a draw. This time, it was all Palomino.

The Athletic Commission set the Mexican national down for 90 days and he must be cleared with EEG and neurological examinations.

It was left hooks and straight right hand punches which damaged Barajas. It was a barrage of blows that dropped him in the ninth.

The gate was $27,360.

In a televised 10-rounder, Andy Price, 146, Los Angeles, won an interesting bout from Ernesto Caballero, 145½, of the Philippines.

Bobby Larsen 133, Los Angeles, and Victor De La Cruz, 133½, Santa Barbara, drew (6); Tino Gonzalez, 121, Mexico, KO over Roy Hernandez, 119½, Los Angeles, (3).

▲**SAN FRANCISCO** — Left hander Sergio Ayala, 122½, Mexico, was too crafty for Filipino Bonnie Necessario, 122½, in the main event at Kezar Pavilion.

Ayala won seven out of the ten rounds to sew up the verdict.

Tony Sanchez, 134, San Francisco, and Ignacio Jimenez, 133½, Mexico, drew (8).

TORRES OVER D. HIDALGO IN HOT FIGHT AT MIAMI

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Florida — In a ten round feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Sandy Torres, 150, Puerto Rico, repeated a victory over Dario Hidalgo, 150, Santo Domingo, but this time did it in more convincing fashion than in their battle in San Juan.

▲Dario wanted the match in order to vindicate himself and appeared well on the road to achieve his goal when suddenly, in round six, he was decked by a right uppercut, for the compulsory eight count. For the initial five rounds, Hidalgo was the aggressor with Torres the counterpuncher. Dario tossed the greater number of punches but Torres delivered the power.

The elongate Torres connected with good uppercuts on the charging Hidalgo in a consistent manner. After the big knockdown in round six, Torres managed Dario easily in round seven and won it big. In round eight, when Hidalgo's defenses broke down completely, Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the action, awarding the bout to Torres.

In the second of three ten-rounders put on by promoter Chris Dundee, Bobby Lloyd, 177, Fort Lauderdale, showed good footwork and fast hands in taking a unanimous decision over big John L. Johnson, 207½, Tampa. Lloyd outboxed his large opponent though Johnson never took a backward step and tried to land the big one.

In the final tenner, Nani Marrero, 136, Santo Domingo, was too strong for Ike Hooks, 139, Philadelphia, in taking the unanimous decision. Hooks needed all his cleverness to stay the distance against his aggressive opponent who had him in several trouble spots during the ten rounder. The popular Ike Hooks demonstrated plenty of courage and durability.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Juan Hidalgo, 133¼, Santo Domingo, kid brother of Dario and easily the top prospect in these parts, scored a fifth round technical knockout over Hector Maldonado, 135, San Juan, for his fifth successive victory since turning pro a few months ago.

Muhammad Ali made most of the boxing noise which emanated from these sub-tropical shores during the past period. He arrived as soon as the Ron Lyle fight was officially announced and took up his old headquarters at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym, a sweat palace in which he prepared for most of his career battles. He must have been touched by the nostalgia, viewing old habitues and meeting old friends since it was at this base he began his meteoric career.

Following the Chuck Wepner fight, Ali was still not in fine condition and during his first workout he showed some softness around the middle. He worked hard and sweated profusely, dropping pounds all over the gym floor. Four days later he looked like a different athlete with Angelo Dundee overseeing his every training move.

Vinnie Curto, the Boston middleweight operating out of Miami, who started his pro career here, is beginning to show his wares around the country. In his recent engagement he fought a tough ten round draw against rugged Bennie Briscoe in Philly.

James Scott, the undefeated Mendoza Group light heavyweight, is resting in Newark, while awaiting his next fight against a world ranked member of his division. It is felt that Scott, who has beaten Raul Loyola and Jesse Burnett is only inches away from world class status.

OLIVARES WHIPS B. ORTIZ IN SIX DOWN MEXICO WAY

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Tijuana — Ruben Olivares, 127, halted Benjamin Ortiz, 127, Puerto Rico, in 6 bitter rounds. Gerardo Aceves, 124, iced Jorge Altamirano, 123, in one. Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 129, defeated Leonardo Bermudez, 127, in ten.

▲**Mexicali** — In a big upset, Rosalio Muro, 125, won a split decision over Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 124, in ten.

▲**Acapulco** — The undercard of the Napoles-Muniz championship, Alberto "Costenito" Morales, 113, won a booed decision from Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 110, in ten good rounds. Espadas, a good prospect, should be the only winner. Jose Murillo Medel, 119, Mexican bantamweight champion, had to work hard to win by a disqualification from Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 119, in ninth round. Arturo "Mulato" Zuniga, 151, national welterweight king, TKO'ed Alex Olguin, 153, in seven. Javier Muniz, 134, kid brother of Armando, embalmed Francisco Angelito, 138, in six.

▲**Tijuana** — Adelaido Galindo, 112, bested Roberto Alvarez, 112, in ten. Ernesto Garfias, 125, TKO'ed Juan Jose Mendez, 125, in six.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Alfonso Jimenez, 134, TKO'ed Valentin Martinez Luna, 136, in four. Raul Valdez, 111, decisioned Juan Granados, 111, in eight. David Munoz, 116, TKO'ed Fili Moreno, 117, in three.

▲**Guadalajara** — Macario Jimenez, 125, TKO'ed Conrado "Canelo" Salinas, 125, in seven. Chucho Salcedo, 118, and Francisco Ramirez, 118, drew in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 131, outpointed Tomas Frias, 124, in ten. Jose "Jaibolito" Flores, 116, TKO'ed Fernando Gomez, 117, in tenth and last round.

▲**Mexicali** — Sanjio Takamori, 129, of Japan, TKO'ed Salvador Torres, 129, in two rounds. Cesar Gomez, 109, beat Mario Rogelio, 111, in 10. Hector Medina, 119, whipped Yoshiro Shikaguchi, Japan, in ten.

▲**Tijuana** — Saul Montana, 122, outscored Manuel Abedoy, 123, in ten. Ramon de Aguinaga, 112, decisioned Lupe Romero, 113, in 10. Jose Angel Lugo, 117, kayoed Enrique "Marsopa" Romero, 115, in 4.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Juan Zarate, 111, and Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 112, drew in ten. Rosalio Badillo, 125, TKO'ed Chucho Hernandez, 125, in 8.

▲**Guadalajara** — Humberto Alcala, 134, won from Jose Luis Alcala, 134, in 12 rounds and became new lightweight champion of Jalisco State. Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 146, defeated Jose Luis "Tractor" Pena, 146, and he is new welterweight king of Jalisco State.

▲**San Jose Del Cabo** — Manuel "Rata" Martinez, 116, outpointed Juan Ramon "Chilango" Perez, 117, in 10.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jose Palacios, 147, TKO'ed Sergio Lozano, 148, in 9. Roberto Valenzuela, 111, beat Hipolito Hernandez, 115, in ten.

▲**Campeche** — Miguel Rodriguez, 131, TKO'ed Guadalupe Hernandez, 132, in two.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Ney Gordillo, 126, won by a disqualification over "Chamaco" Casanova, 125, in tenth and last round. Manny Gomez, 118, became new bantamweight champion of Chiapas State by decisioning Juan Manuel "Negro" Perez, 118, in twelve.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Chucho Aparicio, 124, and Fer Fernandez, 125, drew in ten. Miguel "Ranchero" Fernandez, 112, TKO'ed Alberto "Magallito" Lozada, 112, in 10th and last round.

▲**Tijuana** — Carlos Mimila, 125, won over Martin Lopez, 125, in 10. Memin Becerra, 118, TKO'ed Jose Luis Solis, 118, in 7.

▲**Durango** — Andres Reyes, 113, lost to Lupe Pintor, 112, in ten. Manuel Seki, 146, TKO'ed Othon Guzman, 145, in 7.

▲**Torreon** — Rocky Mijares, 112, and Miguel Scott, 112, drew in ten. Vicente Mijares, 128, outscored Sigfrido Rodriguez, 129, in ten.

▲**Nogales** — German Coello, 133, Dominican Republic, TKO'ed Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 134, in nine.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Juan Jose Guzman, 112, TKO'ed Rocky Thompson, 112, of Colombia, in five.

▲**Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas** — Jose Luis Cruz, 111, decisioned Juan Pablo Rosales, 111, in 12 rounds and became new flyweight champion of Tamaulipas State. Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 125, knocked out Ciro Rodriguez, 124, in 5. "Mulato" Cruz, 111, KO'ed Catalino Diaz, 110, in 4.

▲**La Pax** — Antonio Becerra, 115, TKO'ed Enrique Meza, 116, in six. Beto Gutierrez, 119, TKO'ed Jose Villacana, 120, in 3.

▲**Tijuana** — Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, and Rafael Rubio, 112, drew in ten. Gerardo Aceves, 125, TKO'ed Francisco Isunza, 127, in five. Raul Pacheco, 113, bested Mariano Chavez, 115, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Angel Hernandez, 125, TKO'ed Lupe Aguilar, 125, in six.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, whipped Raul Martinez Mora, 133, in ten. "Chamaco" Lopez, 117, polished off Santiago Hernandez, 118, in five. Armando Cardona, 122, won by a technical decision from Juan Manuel Hernandez, 118, in 5. Ruben Melendez, 118, outpointed Onesimo Carreola, 118, in 6.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Rosalio Badillo, 124, decisioned Martin Corona, 123, in ten. Carlos Saldivar, 125, won over Andres Lobera, 125, in 8.

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RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ FAILS IN EFFORT TO SLOW LEWIS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minn. — The bid of Minneapolis welterweight Rafael Rodriguez for a higher Ring ranking fell short as long-time contender Hedgemon Lewis of Detroit won a tough but clear decision over ten rounds at the Auditorium.

Lewis showed at the start that he intended to be the boss as he felt Rodriguez out while scoring with a sharp snake like left jab. Rafael came on in the second round but the pattern of the fight had already been set by Lewis.

Hedgemon showed the fans an assortment of talents as he scored with the jab, left-right combinations, hard rights to the jaw, and left hooks, while staying out of the way of the dangerous right hand shots of Rodriguez.

The counterpunching of Lewis never let Rafael mount any kind of sustained attack. Lewis, however, did not get careless in the match as it was obvious he respected Rodriguez. Rafael had come to fight as it was his big chance.

In the ninth round Lewis landed three consecutive hard rights to the head that shook up Fafael. In the tenth Rodriguez tried for a knockout and finished with a furious assault which won him the round, but not the fight.

The scoring, all in favor of Lewis, went — referee Wally Holm 97-90; judge George Reiter 98-94; judge Leroy Benson 98-95. Lewis, now 52-6-1, weighed in at 150¾, and Rodriguez, now 14-2-1, scaled 151½.

After the fight Rodriguez said, "This is not the end. I've got things going for me. I know I didn't hurt myself one bit in losing to as good a fighter as Lewis is."

Lewis had praise for Rodriguez. "It wasn't as one-sided as it seemed. It was a small difference in timing. He is a tough, determined fighter and strong. He deserves his popularity." The management of Rodriguez asked for a rematch.

Doug Demmings, 162, Minneapolis (11-1-0) outpointed Barry Morris, 160, Cincinnati, in six rounds.

Gary Holmgren, 150½, St. Paul, (7-1-0), Ring's April prospect of the month, surprised by easily stopping Efren Maldonado, 149, St. Paul (11-7-1) in the first round with a furious attack.

Al "Sugar Daddy" Franklin, 136, Minneapolis (29-28-2) outpointed Manuel Torres, 136, Chicago and Mexico, in six rounds. This was Franklin's first fight in five years, but it did not show.

Cass Lake, Minn. — The annual Minnesota Indian boxing tournament was held at the local high school. It was a two day affair and was won by the Minneapolis team. The champions: Heavyweight-Terry Roy, Minneapolis; 178-Darwin Whitebird, Leech Lake; 165-Kevin Perrault, Leech Lake; 156-Kevin Goose, Leech Lake; 147-Kevin Buckanaga, Minneapolis; 139-Art Schwochert, Minneapolis; 132-Mike Thomas, Minneapolis; 125-Scott Papasadora, Minneapolis; 119-Steve Crowe, Minneapolis; 112-Melvin Sayer, Minneapolis.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

Adinolfi Ko's Kerpel To Retain European Light Heavy Crown

WIEZE, BELGIUM, Domenico Adinolfi of Italy retained his European light-heavyweight title stopping challenger Freddy De Kerpel in the 11th round when the Belgian's corner threw in the towel. De Kerpel, who weighed in at 172½ pounds, had kept the fight about even in the first four rounds. But the champion, who weighed 174½ pounds, started his onslaught from fifth and controlled the fight from then on.

It was Adinolfi's first defense of the title.

Leo Kakolewicz, in dethroning German light heavyweight champion, Karl Heinz Klein, in eleven seconds in Hamburg, established a record for the shortest fight in the history of German boxing.

In Düsseldorf on March 31, 1950, Heinz Neuhaus beat Hans Joachim Drägestein in fifteen seconds, which was then recorded as the shortest fight ever in the country.

Outside of Germany the record is held by Tom Dow, who KO'd Ned Kieley in Leavenworth, Kansas, in seven seconds in a bare knuckle fight on January 4, 1968.

Since gloves have been worn the record goes to Freddy Barker, England, who stopped Bob Roberts, Nigeria, in ten seconds in Wales on September 2, 1957.

The Spanish authorities looking into the Joe Urtain—Alfred Vogrig bout which the Spaniard won in two rounds, have cleared Urtain and restored his licence.

Vogrig lost his purse and has been banned from fighting in Spain again.

Manager De Molinaire has been suspended from Spanish rings for two years and promoter Jose Luis Herrero is not permitted to promote again for three months.

Francis Machten, former Belgium featherweight champion, died at the age of 89. He fought nearly eighty of his battles in Britain.

When Max Schmeling, Germany, defended his world heavyweight title against Young Stribling on July 3, 1931, there was a crowd of 39,936 in attendance. With forty years gone by this gate still remains a record for the venue. The recent Muhammed Ali-Chuck Wepner bout attracted a crowd of 14,847.

Germany's greatest promoter, Walter Rothenburg died on March 10 at the age of 85. Walter staged some 300 programmes between the two world wars and was responsible for those tremendous battles featuring, Hans Breitenstaeter, Paul Samson-Korner, Max Schmeling, Steve Humas and Walter Neusel. Walter Rothenburg was laid to rest in the Waldfriedhof, Ohlsdorf, in Hamburg.

Max Schmeling recently visited Vienna and met up with Heinz Lazek the ex Euro-

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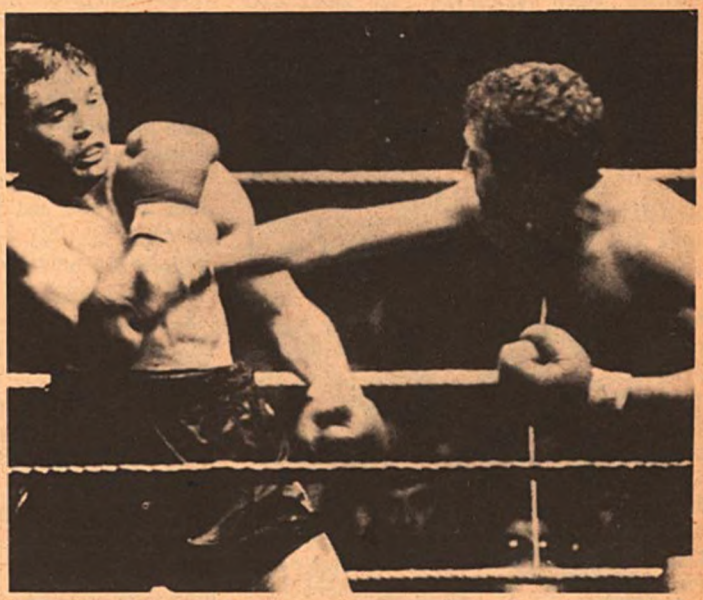

Domenico Adinolfi, right on way to 11 round KO over Freddy Dekerpel for European Lightheavy title.

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Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Rudi Lubbers (H)
3. Bernd August (G)
4. Bepi Ros (I)
5. Dante Cane (I)
6. Lorenzo Zannon (I)
7. Jan Lubbers (H)
8. Mario Baruzzi (I)
9. Jose Urtain (S)
10. Bjorn Rudi (N)

Light Heavies
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddie DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
8. Yannick Dufour (F)
9. Sergio Janilli (I)
10. Lothar Stengel (G)

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* Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Poul Knudsen (D)
4. Jean Mateo (F)
5. Franz Csandl (A)
6. Frank Reiche (G)
7. Luciano Sartim (I)
8. Germano Valsecchi (I)
9. Domenico Tiberia (I)
10. Tronto Facchiocchi (I)

Junior Middles
* Jose Duran (S)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Antonio Castellini (I)
3. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
4. Laurits Jensen (D)
5. Johann Orsolics (A)
6. Aldo Bentini (I)
7. Damiano Lassandro (I)
8. Alberto Torri (I)
9. Jose Hernandez (S)
10. Vincent Parra (F)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (GB)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Domenico DiJorio (I)
3. Germain Lemaitre (F)
4. Marco Scano (I)
5. Jorgen Hansen (D)
6. Jesus Gonzalez Dopico (S)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Mimoun Mohatar (S)
9. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
10. Yves Lefferand (F)

Junior Welterweights
* Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (S)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
6. Cemal Kamaci (T)
7. Jose Rodriguez (S)
8. Efisio Pinna (I)
9. Roger Zami (F)
10. Fernando Sanchez (S)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
3. Rosario Sanna (I)
4. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
5. Andre Holyk (F)
6. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
7. Miguel Velasquez (S)
8. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
9. Vincenzo Quero (I)
10. Giuseppe Russi (I)

Junior Lights
* Sven-Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Antonio Puddu (I)
3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Erik Nikkinen (FIN)
5. Giuseppe Mura (I)
6. Mario Redi (I)
7. Natale Vezzoli (I)
8. Domingo Jiminez (S)
9. Miguel Mollenda (S)
10. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)

Featherweights
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Gitano Jiminez (S)
2. Michele Siracusa (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Ramiro Garcia (S)
5. Michel Lefevbre (F)
6. Guy Caudron (F)
7. Isidor Cabeza (S)
8. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
9. Guiliana Lai (I)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

Bantamweights
* Daniel Trioulaire (F)
1. Bob Allotey (S)
2. Ambrogio Marjani (I)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Luigi Tessarin (I)
5. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
6. Lucio Vailati (I)
7. Gianni Garbo (I)
8. Jachy Bihin (F)
9. Guy Caudron (F)
10. Jose Luis Otero (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Dominique Cesari (F)
6. Pedro Moledo (S)
7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Angelo Spano (I)
10. Mariano Garcia (S)

***European Champion** *Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; Ny Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.*

ACTION IN EUROPE

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pean heavyweight champion. Lazek won the title on May 4, 1938, beating German, Arno Kolblin who was disqualified in round two. He then made successful defenses against Santo De Leo, Italy, Walter Neusel, Germany, Karel Sys, Belgium, and then lost his crown to German Adolf Heuser, on March 17, 1939. Four months later Max Schmeling dethroned Heuser.

German Rudi Langer, ex-bantamweight, featherweight and lightweight champion, died at the age of 47. After 36 amateur bouts, Langer turned professional in 1946 and met some world class fighters like, Fred Galiana, Spain, Duilio Loi, Italy, and Cherif Hamia, France, all Euroepan champions at one time or another.

Joe Bugner, Great Britain, is the longest reigning European champion just now having won the crown beating Henry Cooper on March 16, 1971. He has since defended his crown against, Jürgen Blin, twice, Jack Bodell, Britain, Rudi Lubbers, Holland, Bepi Ros, Mario Baruzzi and Dante Cane of Italy.

Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, won the light heavyweight title beating Karl Heinz Klein, Germany on December 4th, 1974. Kevin Finnegan, Britain, collected the middleweight crown beating Jean Claude Bouttier, France, on May 27, 1974. Junior middleweight champion is Jose Duran, Spain, who won the title beating Jacques Kechichian, France, on June 7, 1974. He has since staked his crown against, Eckhard Dagge, Germany, Johann Orsolics, and Franz Csandl of Austria. The welterweight title is held by Britain, John H. Stracey who won the crown beating Georges Menetrey, France on May 27, 1974.

Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, Spain, is the new junior welterweight champion having won the vacant title beating Walter Blaser, Switzerland, on March 8 this year. Lightweight champion is Ken Buchanan, Britain, who won the crown on May 1, 1974, with a win over Antonio Puddu, Italy. His only defense since was a win over Leonard Tavarez, France.

Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, has been busy since he dethroned German Lothar Abend on May 7, last year, defending his title twice against Italian, Giovanni Girgenti.

The featherweight champion is Elio Cotena, Italy, who was crowned on February 12 this year, dethroning Spaniard, Jose Jiminez.

Dan Trioulaire of France, is the bantamweight champion having beaten Bob Allotey, Spain, on February 9, 1975. He has already staked his crown against Dave Needham, Britain, and won on points. Flyweight king is Italian, Franco Udella, who won the vacant title, beating Spaniard Pedro Molleda, on October 25, 1974. Having won the WBC junior flyweight title recently, Udella will have to vacate the European title.

Twenty-seven year old Frenchman Daniel Trioulaire, who won the European bantamweight title, beating Spaniard Bob Allotey, in February, made a successful defense against his four years younger challenger from Britain, Dave Needham, winning on points.

The British champion received $25,000, some $7,500 more than Euroepan heavyweight champion Joe Bugner collected for his title defense against Dante Cane, Italy, in Bologna.

It was Needham's first defeat in 24 professional bouts. Trioulaire is undefeated in sixteen starts.

The first European bantamweight championship bout took place on March 7, 1910, when Joe Bowker, Great Britain, kayoed Frenchman Jean Audony in eight rounds. Since then, there has been 94 title fights in this division with British and French fighters facing each other on fifteen occasions. The French have won eight and lost seven and have produced six champions compared with Britain's twelve.

Charles Ledoux, who was crowned on June 23, 1912, and had eleven title fights between 1912–1923, was probably one of the best bantamweight champions 'made in France'.

ITALY

Milan — Junior welterweight. Elfisio Pinna decisioned Piero Meraviglia, eight. Junior lightweight. Guiseppe Mura beat Renzo Battistelli, KO 6.

Milan — Salvatore Russo outpointed Walter Guernieri, six.

Bologna — Welterweight. Primo Bandini outpointed Guiseppe Minotti, eight.

Cinisello — Lightweight, Guiseppe Russi beat Paolo Russo, KO 4. Rocco Frascar drew a eight framer with Gualberto Fernandez, eight.

Milan — Heavyweight, Lorenzo Zano outscored Brian O'Melia, USA, eight. Middleweight, Rafaele Di Constanzo drew with Guerrino Cipriani, eight. Junior welterweight, Guerrino Cipriani, eight. Junior welterweight, Guiseppe Russi decisioned Giovanni Majorano, eight.

Vicenza — Featherweight, Gianni Garbo decisioned Claudio Piccolo, eight.

Vigevano — Bantamweight, Luigi Tessarin outpointed Salvatore Fabrizio, eight.

Rimini — Bantamweight, Alfio Righetti outscored Pietro Zanola, eight.

Latisana — Giovanni Girgenti held on to his Italian junior lightweight title outpointing Guiseppe Martucci, twelve.

Milan — Featherweight, Natale Vezzoli decisioned Salvatore Dui, eight.

Turin — Welterweight, Bruno Arcari, Italy, decisioned Harold Weston, USA, ten. Light heavyweight, Domenico Adinolfi, beat Jose Antonio Galvez, KO 4. Welterweight, Domenico DiJorio drew with Mimoun Mohatar, eight. Middleweight, Jose Luis Duran, Argentina, beat Carmelo Martin Cendon, TKO 2.

Monfalcone — Junior lightweight, Nevio Carbi outscored Paul Ikumpayi, eight.

Faenza — Middleweight, Christiano Cavina drew with Gianni Mingardi, six.

Bologna — Joe Bugner, Great Britain, successfully defended his European heavyweight crown against Italian, Dante Cane the latter retiring with a cut eye in round four. Heavyweight, Bjorn Rudi beat Benito Penna, TKO 5. Welterweight, Italo Venturi decisioned Luigi Martello, eight.

Pesaro — Junior middleweight, Damiano Lassandro beat Gabriele Lazzari, five.

Milan — Middleweight, Germano Valsecchi beat Luis Galvan KO 4. Junior welterweight, Antonio Chiodoni outscored Pierre Petit, eight. Junior lightweight, Giuseppe Mura drew with Michele Siracusa, eight. Welterweight, Luciano Borraccia outscored Antonio Torsello, eight. Lightweight, Giuseppe Russi beat Jacques Mamane, KO 6.

Padua — Luciano Sartim outscored Domenico Tiberia the Italian middleweight champion, twelve to win the crown. Junior middleweight Young Griffo beat Biaggio Violini who retired with a cut eye in round three. Heavyweight, Giancinto Cattani beat Salko Brkic, TKO 3.

Cagliari — Welterweight, Marco Scano beat Jorgen Hansen who was disqualified in round three. Flyweight, Emilio Pireddu outpointed Altero Marini, eight.

Rome — Heavyweight, Vincenzo Sciarrone outpointed Angelo Visini, six.

Brindisi — Franco Zurlo won the Italian bantamweight title beating Ambrogio Mariani, champion, KO 3.

Milan — Middleweight, Roberto Benacquista outscored Donato Paduano, ten. Junior lightweight, Antonio Puddu outpointed Barry Sponagle, ten. Heavyweight, Lorenzo Zanon drew with Randy Stevens, eight. Lightweight, Vincenzo Quero drew with Ugo Poli, eight.

Bologna — Featherweight, Enzo Farinelli beat Franco Diana, TKO 5. Lightweight, Alessandro Burgio outscored Giovanni Majorano, eight.

Trieste — Featherweight, Nevio Carbi beat Natale Caredda, TKO 1.

FRANCE

Troyes — Flyweight, Christian Martin drew with Altero Marini ten.

Marseilles — Middleweight, Jean Mateo beat Mike Morgan the towel being thrown in during round four.

Raouen — Daniel Trioulaire, France, retained his European bantamweight title outpointing David Needham, Britain, over fifteen rounds.

Paris — Lightweight, Rene Martin beat Robert Van Rompaey, TKO 4. Joel Moulin outpointed Tony Malus, six. Junior welterweight, Claude Loormeau beat Christian Lancery, TKO 5. Calais March 1st. Light heavyweight, Yannick Dufour decisioned Jean Tshikuna, ten. Lightweight, Rene Martin beat Jean Michel Vantoure, KO 4.

Blois — Welterweight, Jean Pierre Moreau outscored Gerard Leterme, eight. Featherweight, Jean Pierre Hainault outscored Samuel Grunitzsky, eight. Lightweight, Joel Moulin outpointed Christian Lancery, six.
Bellegarde — Lightweight, Jacques Mamane beat Saladin Tebessi TKO 2.
Douai — Junior middleweight, Jean Claude Warusfel decisioned Oscar Ilunga, ten. Welterweight, Georges Warusfel beat Joseph Gninion, TKO 7. Junior middleweight, Victor Thorel drew with Mohammed Mechlia, six.
Dunkirk — Junior welterweight, Jo Kimpuani outpointed Giuseppe Minotti, ten. Guy Vercoutter beat Tony Ramos, TKO 4.
Vire — Guy Caudron held on to his French bantamweight crown beating Jackie Bihin, TKO 4. Flyweight, Guy Bellevert outscored Angelo D'Aleo, six.
Sens — Welterweight, Jean Claude Lafarge decisioned Jean Marie Cotinaut, ten.
St. Brieuc — France. Light heavyweight, Serge Jagot outscored Robert Amory, eight.
Rheims — Middleweight, Jean Claude Genno beat Daniel Letarte who was disqualified in round five.
St. Ouen — Michel Lefebre won the French featherweight title outpointing champion, Daniel Vermandere, twelve.
Paris — Middleweight, Jules BEllaiche outscored Waldir Silva, ten. Junior middleweight, Jean Paul Sera decisioned Roger Lobjois, eight. Welterweight, Antonio Capuano outscored Jean Pierre di Stefano, six.
Paris — Middleweight, Jean Mateo beat Vicent Parra, TKO 4. Lightweight, Georges Cotin beat Raymond Libbrecht, TKO 7.

SPAIN

Madrid — Junior welterweight, Romano Fanali decisioned Perico Fernandez, ten. Lightweight, Miguel Velasquez outscored Guiseppe Minotti, eight. Bantamweight, Manuel Masso beat Teodoro Corallo, TKO 4. Featherweight, Enzo Farinelli beat Isidoro Cabeza, TKO 3. Lightweight, Rodolfo Sanchez outscored Natale Caredda, eight.
Santa Cruz — Jose Rodriguez won the Spanish junior welterweight crown outpointing champion, Fernando Sanchez, twelve. Featherweight, Ramon Marichal beat Antonio Tenza, TKO 6.
Salamanca — Junior welterweight, Marcos Paerito Jiminez beat Rocco Zecca, TKO 5. Lightweight, Jeronimo Lucas outscored Luciano Laffranchi, eight. Jesus Canut outpointed Mohatar II, eight rounds. Featherweight, Pedro Coque outpointed Antonio Donoso, eight.
Mataro — Junior lightweight, Julio Rubio beat Rustan II, TKO 6.

SWITZERLAND

Zurich — Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, Spain, won the vacant European junior welterweight title outpointing Walter Blaser, Switzerland. Flyweight, Franco Sperati outpointed Fritz Chervet, ten. Light heavyweight, Eric Nussbaum beat Bob Tuckett, TKO 8.

BELGIUM

Liege — Light heavyweight. Alain Riviere outpointed Armand Xhonneaux, ten. Heavyweight. Christian Mossoux beat Hans Michel KO 2. Middleweight. Michel Stini outpointed Alfred Fries, six.
Namur — Middleweight. Alfredo Noveiras beat Phillippe Girotti, TKO 4.
Bruges — Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopman outscored Jan Lubbers, ten. Junior lightweight. Rudi Haeck beat Ivan Toseli, TKO 4. Lightweight. Giancarlo Barabotti beat Fernand Roelands KO 5. Welterweight. Fredo Roelands decisioned Romualdo D'Alo, six. Middleweight. Michel Caron beat Walter Verscheren, TKO 3. Flyweight. Eric Brysse outpointed Angelo D'Aleo, six.

HOLLAND

Rotterdam — Welterweight. Jacques Van Mellaerts beat Aad Jansen who was disqualified in the sixth. Junior middleweight. Joel Bonnetaz decisioned Stan van der Driessche, eight. Philippe Jacques beat Joop Verbon, KO 7, Junior welterweight. Gerrard Bok outscored Andre Jordan, eight.

AUSTRIA

Vienna — Middleweight. Rene Zeller, 18 year old, son of promoter, Willi Zeller, won his second professional fight beating Eddie Machen, Curacao, KO2. Middleweight, Rudi Koopmans, Holland, beat Arpod Majal, Hungary, KO 4. Junior welterweight. Cemal Kamaci, Turkey, ex-European champion, decisioned Santino Reali, Italy, eight. Middleweight. Franz Csandl, Austria, decisioned veteran ex-world champion, Denny Moyer, over ten rounds. A close fight but Csandl deserved the verdict against the world class fighter, Moyer. The Austrian must have learned a great deal from this battle. Light heavyweight. Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, outscored Hal Carroll, USA, ten. Promoter was Willi Zeller and the crowd numbered 3000.

NORWAY

Oslo — In a non title fight European junior lightweight champion, Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, outpointed Natale Vezzoli, Italy, over ten rounds. There was a crowd of 4,500 in the Ekeberg hall. Vezzoli took a standing count of eight in round five. Light heavyweight. Harold Skog, Norway, outscored Ray Anderson, USA, over ten rounds. Junior welterweight. Kristian Hoydahl, Norway, beat Pietro Sederino, Italy, the latter sustaining a cut eye in round five. Heavyweight. Bjorn Rudi, kayoed Italian, Pietro Zanola in round one. Poul Knudsen, Denmark, beat Gianni Mingardi who retired with a cut eye in round five.

GERMANY

Hamburg — In Hamburg promoter, Wilfred Schulz staged a show at the Ernst Merck hall which attracted a crowd of nearly 3,500. Paying between 20-200 DM for their seats, fans were treated with two German title fights and saw four local champions in action plus an international bout between, American, Eddie Duncan, and the German based Argentine boxer, Avenamar Peralta. Results. Leo Kakowlewicz won the German light heavyweight title kayoing champion, Karl Heinz Klein with a right cross in round one. Former European junior lightweight champion Lothar Abend, Germany, kayoed Klaus Jacobi, in round five. Avenamar Peralta kayoed Eddie Duncan in round seven. Junior middleweight champion Peter Scheibner lost his German crown to Peter Wulf on points over fifteen rounds. In a non title affair German middleweight champion, Frank Reiche, knocked out fellow German, Randolph Hambach in round three with a left hook.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Earnie Shavers kayoed Rochell Norris, 10.
Kevin Pantalow beat Greg Osowiecki, 8.
John Dennis decisioned Harry Houston, 10.
Eddie Casey halted John Wallace, 2.
Roger Pinkney drew with James Edwards, 4.
Joe Parsons beat Rex Bross, 4.
Charlie James decisioned Koli Vailea, 10.
Larry Renaud lost to Jean Righetti, 8.
Pedro Lovell outpointed Jody Ballard, 10.
Larry Holmes stopped Oliver Wright, 3.
Duane Bobick kayoed Cookie Wallace, 2, beat Raul Gorsito, 10.
Rodney Bobick won from Pedro Agosta, 10, lost Scott LaDoux, 10.
Jose Luis Garcia kayoed Stoney Land, 1.
Gary Wiler halted Hugh Mercier, 2.
Bill Carson stopped Sergio Rodriguez, 6.
Bill Sharkey outpointed Al Bingamin, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Victor Galinez beat Pierre Fourie, 15, W.B.A. light heavyweight title.
Tom Bethea outpointed Robert Lloyd, 10.
Bobby Cassidy defeated Karl Zurheide, 8.
Alvaro Lopez stopped Lee Mitchell, 6.
Domenico Adinolfo halted Freddy De Kerpel, 11, E.B.U. light heavyweight title.
Avenamar Peralta kayoed Eddie Duncan, 7.
Victor Attivor kayoed Steve Aczel, 2.
Amado Vasquez stopped Larry Cruz, 4.
Bobby Walker beat Kenny Jones, 6.
Mike Quarry outpointed Melvin Mott, 10.
Don Rucker halted Vernon McIntosh, 7.
Paul Cardoza stopped Carlos Espada, 2.
Larry Brasier beat Rudy Jones, 12, Ronnie Cichon, 10.
Chris Elliott kayoed Kenny Jones, 5.
Larry Castaneda halted Chico Valdez, 1, Jack Johnson, 1.
Hildo Silva outpointed David Smith, 10.
Walter White decisioned Angel Oquendo, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tony Licata beat Ramon Mendez, 10.
Bernie Briscoe drew with Vinnie Curto, 10.
Johnny Baldwin outpointed Lamont Lovelady, 10.
John Wilburn halted Larry Washington, 6.
Dennis Roberts stopped Danny Slatt, 4.
Jesse Bender beat Joe Houston, 6, Reinaldo Oliviera, 4.
Marvin Hagler won from Jimmy Owens, 10.
Billy Duquette kayoed Joe Houston, 1.
Marcel Clay stopped Willie Harp, 2.
Tommy Torino halted Mike Maret, 5.
Aldo Traversaro beat Larry Adkins, 8.
Mike Colbert outpointed Mardi Manuela, 6.
Jose Martin Flores beat Mike Avans, 10.
George Cooper kayoed David Love, 9.
Perry Abner defeated Fate Davis, 10.
Mario Rosa beat Chris Black, 10.
Curtis Phillips drew with Larry Giello, 6.
Barry Hill outpointed Pat Barry, 6.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carlos Marks beat Eckhard Dagge, 10.
Maurice Hope kayoed Jurgen Voss, 3.
Ramon Mendez lost to Tony Licata, 10.
Jackie Smith decisioned Jim Henry, 10, Marcelino Alicea, 8.
James Jackson halted Jesus Burciago, 2.
Ray Seales beat Johnny Rico, 10.
Garcia stopped Angel Poblere, 6.
Denato Garcia stopped Angel Poblere, 6.
Alan Romano defeated Gerry Annson, 8.
Billy Duquette beat Charles Rice, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose Napoles beat Aramndo Muniz on disq. 12., to retain World Welterweight Title.
Angel Espada outpointed Luis Acosta, 10.
Clyde Gray kayoed Marcu Gervais, 5.
Rocky Mattioli halted Billy Backus, 5.
Sandy Torres decisioned Jose Figueroa, 10.
Pete Ranzany outpointed Gonzlo Rodriguez, 10.
Floyd Mayweather stopped Sparky Wheeler, 2.
Clarence Hammick halted Rocky Mosley, 3.
Carlos Gil kayoed Victor Baerga, 7.
Pete Pagan beat Pablo Rodriguez, 6.
Carlos Palomino halted Zovek Barajas, 9.
Hirman Garcia beat Pete Pagan, 6.
Tyrone Phelps decisioned Jeff Holmes, 6.
Wilfredo Benitez kayoed Wilbur Seales, 4.
Nick Ortiz halted Diablillo Trinidad, 6.
Kevin Morgan stopped Ezra Davis, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Hector Thompson outpointed Lion Furuyama, 10.
Pedro Fernandez kayoed Joao Henrique, 9, W.B.C. junior welterweight title.
Laudial Negron beat Brooks Byrd, 10.
Lorenzo Trujillo drew with Brooks Byrd, 10.
Hector Matta outpointed Jose Pagon, 10.
Ali Afakasi beat Efisio Pinna, 10.
Carlos Giminez defeated Norman Segapane, 10.
Johnny Turner kayoed Jimmy Nieves, 4.
Lou Bizzarro decisioned Beau Jaynes, 10.
Ronnie Green stopped Otis Locklear, 3.
Joe Grier beat Eddie Vargas, 8.
Miguel Mayon kayoed Jose Peterson, 8.
Rudy Hernandez stopped Gene Prado, 9.
Tom Girginoff beat Doug Romano, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Angel Mayoral beat Tony Martinez, 10.
Hugo Barazza kayoed Julio Castillo, 1, beat Jose Marin, 10.
Donny Nelson outpointed Justice Ortiz, 8.
Bobby Guthridge decisioned Ahmet Tosic, 6.
Dale Hernandez kayoed Rodrigo Contreras, 5.
Tom Girginoff outpointed Jose Ortiz, 4.
Juan Hidalgo halted Carlos Crispin, 4.
Giancarlo Usaikayoed Marion Thomas, 3.
Randy Shields outpointed Miguel Mayon, 10.
Baby Casanova drew with Eugene White, 6.
Al Foster decisioned Roscoe Frazier, 6.
Ray Puluse stopped Joey Siberbusch, 2.
Joe Zamora beat Mike Swiger, 4.
Barrantas Hernandez stopped Bobo Gonzalez, 2.
Pat Dolan halted L.C. Mack, 2.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Kuniaki Shibata defeated Ould Makhoulfi, 15, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Samuel Serrano beat Jose Pena, 10.
Alfredo Escalera drew with Francisco Villegas, 10.
Victor Echegaray decisioned Miguel Figueroa, 10.
Jose Torres kayoed Carlos Becerril, 4.
Tommy Rose beat Charlie Kittredge, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ruben Olivares kayoed Ben Ortiz, 7.
Lorenzo Trujillo drew with Brooks Byrd, 10.
Octavio Gomez lost to Rosalio Muro, 10.
Raul Cruz won from Joe Medrano, 10.
Danny Campo beat Freddy Gonzalez, 6.
Ignacio Bravo decisioned Rufin Hernandez, 4.
Joey Rivera drew with Julio Valdez, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Andres Hernandez beat Benito Estrella, 10.
Daniel Trioulaire drew with Dave Needham, 15, E.B.U. bantamweight title.
Nestor Jiminez kayoed Jorge Madrigal, 1.
Arnold Taylor stopped John Mitchell, 4.
Dean O'Grady kayoed Tyrone Taylor, 1, Rocky Matthews, 2.
Alberta Davila halted Jose Del Rio, 5.
Earl Large outpointed Jimmy Martinez, 10.
Johnny Mesa stopped Louis Rico, 4, Tony Rajiz, 6.
Juan Lopez kayoed Lino Casillas, 6.
Raul Rosette beat Danny Campo, 6.
Prasith Kiatsombutr kayoed Pichitsuk Kiatprasong, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Erbito Salvarria beat Susumu Hanagata, 15, W.B.A. Flyweight Title.
Jim West drew with Brian Roberts, 10.
Alberto Morales defeated Guty Espadas, 10.

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announcement which followed rumors that the big arena was for sale for fifty million.

An Arab oil bank offer of fifty million was reported to have been turned down because of its source.

Muhammad Ali's taking on Frazier rounds out a series of five fights within a year—a heavyweight title record. The sequence started with Foreman in Zaire, continued with Wepner in Cleveland, reached No. 3 against Ron Lyle in Las Vegas, and will make No. 4 against Joe Bugner and No. 5 against Frazier.

That Ali and Herbert would expand became certain after the death of Elijah Muhammad.

Ali's match with Bugner has yet, at this writing, to find a home. It is too costly for London and New York. Maybe Chicago wants it.

For Ken Norton there may be a Wepner fight in Jersey City.

SMALL STOPS BAXTER IN SEVENTH DOWN TEXAS WAY

By HARLAN HAAS

Jacinto City, Texas—Maybe Charlie Small isn't well known to Texas pro boxing buffs, but he's a fellow who just might win all the marbles in the State, and we don't know of many middleweights in the South who can handle him. He used superior boxing and punching ability to stop Chris Baxter in the seventh round.

Baxter was unable to continue because of a gaping wound over his left eye. Until the end, it was all Charlie Small with Baxter giving it a final try. Inexperience caught up with the gutsy 18-year old brawler.

Small, for those of you who are not familiar, is a League City, Texas fighter who had an outstanding amateur career hereabouts before going to England several years ago to visit a friend. Charlie wound up marrying a British girl, and turned pro while overseas. He had something like 17 money bouts in Europe.

▲One of the most gruelling battles this writer has seen in many years was the Ike Fluellen, 157, Houston, and Prisciliano (Zip) Castillo, 152, Corpus Christi, eight rounder. As Ray Collins, well known Houston Post boxing writer put it, "It was a pier-6 brawl from the opening bell through the eighth and final round. Both fighters threw punches at a pace that defied belief."

It was just that kind of savage give-no-quarter and ask no quarter rockem-sockem back-alley brawl. Both fighters were rocked to their tootsies on numerous occasions. The fiery Fluellen was coming off a bout with the flue, and Castillo was coming off a good victory over Danny Donatto and that told the story.

It was close. Ref Earle Keel tabbed Fluellen the victor while judges Henry Villagomez and Woody Meyers saw Castillo as the winner. Everyone in the arena stood and yelled himself into hoarseness. What a fantastic war! Boxing can stand more of this.

▲Jerry Kornele, 128, Galena Park, tossed too many bombs for the taller Jorge Martinez, 133, Monterrey, and was a four round tko winner. Rogelio Flores, 143, Corpus Christi, was simply too rugged for Salvador Gomez, 139, Monterrey, and won by second round knockout.

▲**Beaumont, Texas**—It's going to take a helluva fighter to whip James (Bubba) Busceme. The writer made the trip to Beaumont's beautiful Red Carpet Inn where he saw the Busceme—Rito Torres 10-round get-together. Bubba, a four time National Golden Glove champion and 1972 U.S. Olympic representative, was in command from the beginning and kept the aggressive Torres at bay with a razor sharp right jab (Yes, Bubba's a lefty).

Bubba made every punch count—he keeps cool and with fine hand speed plus great reflexes, he will go a long way. Bubba backed towards a corner in the third. Torres took the bait and moved in aggressively. Bubba stepped back with the left foot and quickly whipped across a right hook that traveled a scant six inches to the exposed jaw of the visiting Latin who toppled to the deck as if his legs had been cut from under him.

Torres grasped hold of the ropes and pulled himself half erect at nine and then pitched forward on his face.

Busceme, from Beaumont, weighed 130. Torres who had been in with Jimmy Heair and James Martinez among many others, weighed 133. A standing room only crowd of over 1,000 witnessed the show.

▲In a hard fought and closely contested eight rounder, Tom Pinner, 140, Beaumont, edged the more experienced Eddie Mitchell, 142, Beaumont. Ike Fluellen, 164, Houston, and lanky Elmore Shannon, 172, Houston, engaged in a riotious battle.

It was a second round knockout for Fluellen and brought his record to 11-1-1 with the only loss coming by disqualification.

▲In a heavyweight fight Vernon Johnston, 209, Beaumont, stopped stocky Greg Monroe, 206, Houston (formerly of Reno, Nevada) in the second round. The pro debut of both.

▲Did you know that George Brown the former heavyweight fighter has been with the Houston Harris County Sheriff's Dept. for a long time and serves as head man of the jail at Ben Taub Hospital here in Houston. George fought pro from 1929-1945. Along the way he boxed Eddie Dunaway (14 times, and twice in the street), Johnny Risko, Clyde Chastain, Paddy McDuff, Tommy Blanton, Jimmy Webb, Salvatore Ruggierello, Max Baer, Primo Carnera, Red Burman, and Weldon Waycott.

TAKADA EXITS JAVIERTO IN ORIENTAL FLYWEIGHT ELIMINATION BATTLE IN 10

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan—Another eliminator took place for the OBF flyweight crown. Japan's Jiro Takada scored a fine win to send Orland Javierto to dreamland in the tenth round of a scheduled 12 round contest.

Takada seized the Orient title in the 112-pound class, the ex-champ of which had been Filipino Socrates Batoto. Batoto outgrew the division.

Javierto whose power was evaluated by a win over Osamu Haba in Manila, fought well against the Japanese speedster. They had a see-saw exchange of sharp rallies to fight almost evenly, before the trick happened. Jiro's well-timed combination was such that the scrappy Filipino could not beat the count. The flyweights both scaled at 111½, half a pound lighter than the limit. A card made estimated 2000 customers gathered at Korakuen Hall.

▲News from Korea reported that Harbar Watanabe's ambitious crack at the Orient junior welterweight title had been unsuccessful. Chang-Kil Lee, defending champ, dropped the Japanese twice in the second and sixth rounds to win a TKO in the ninth session. Onesided proceedings were halted due to Watanabe's swollen left eye. Lee registered the fourth defense after dethroning Pedro Adigue, P.I. in 1973. His speedy style made Lee unmatched in his class in the Orient, for the Korean, in recent years, won all bouts but one, a kayo by Ken Buchanan in New York, 1973. Following his two wins from Lion Furuyama, Japanese top junior welterweight, Lee's arrival at Korakuen Hall is hoped by fight fans here.

▲Leading Koreans' defeats were reported to Japan also. On the same night, hopes from the Orient were demolished before the distance. Soo-Hwan Hong, WBA's bantam ruler, was flattened by Mexico's Alfonzo Zamora in the fourth round. Hong who had pointed out Zamora's poor defense failed to endure the KO artist's power.

▲Zamora, tabbing 21 kayos in as many outings, had stopped Shintaro Uchiyama, then the JBC's bantam leader, with a vicious punching years ago.

▲Another Korean was Hyun-Chi Kim, Orient junior lightweight leader who kissed the canvas on three occasions and lost a split verdict to Ben Villaflor in 15 rounds, Manila.

Kim, unbeaten against ten Japanese ring men, was outpowered by the Filipino lefty. Villaflor had recaptured the international title in the 130-pound class, polishing off Japan's Kuniaki Shibata in the opening session in 1973.

▲Muhammad Ali's 15th round finish of Chuck Wepner was televised live thru NET TV via a satellite. Ali, most popular foreign fighter here above all, was unable to impress fight scribes and fans in Japan. His dull performance up to the trick made the evaluation of Ali drop tremendously. The heavyweight affair was broadcast nationwide at noon and at night as well. A percentage of Gallup research about fight watchers was high reportedly as the NET had expected.

▲An announcement from Mexico made Japan angry. The WBC stripped Koichi Wajima of his junior middleweight title, for he failed to have a contract to meet a winner of Carlos Duran and Miguel de Oliveira. The Japanese fighter had recaptured the title from Oscar Alvarado, U.S. in January of this year.

▲Shigeru Sasaki was a points winner over Uichiro Hayashida, inexperienced bantam, at 118, in 8 hot frames. Sasaki proved too ringwise for the shorter hombre. A decision was unanimous for Sasaki, scaling at 118 pounds. Some 1100 witnesses were in attendance at Korakuen Hall.

▲Okinawa greeted its first national champion named Flipper Uehara. A local favorite earned a split decision from Ushiwakamaru Harada to seize the JBC's feather title in 10 heats, Naha City.

Uehara endured his opponent's whirlwind attack and scored well with heavier punching. A good win means Uehara's 9th in 12 outings since his turning pro after a brilliant amateur career. The 27-year-old loser weighed at 123¼ to the new leader's 125¾ pounds.

▲Two vacant national titles found young champions before 2000 fans who packed Korakuen Hall. Kazunori Tenryu became the first junior flyweight leader since the JBC had set up the class, as he outscored Isao Watanabe in 10 hard-fought rounds.

The game guys tipped the beam at 106½ pounds each.

▲Tenryu, standing at 4 ft. 10 in., was a determined mixer who got off the canvas to beat his rival all to sticks.

Isao's best was seen in round seven, when he turned loose with a resistless two-fisted attack. Tenryu was down to the ropes for a compulsory eight count and had a narrow escape. A unanimous decision went to the shorter and busier fighter whose points lead was enough to overcome the knockdown.

▲In the first tenner Masashi Kudo, undefeated rookie in five pro fights, won the middleweight leadership, outjabbing Nobuyoshi Ozaki all the way to score a unanimous decision. Kudo's incessant lefts were a big nuisance for the slower Ozaki. Before the seventh session Kudo was in command to dominate four rounds, losing none. Ozaki came back strong with wild punches only to be outlegged by the hope.

▲The middleweight entered the ring at 156¾ pounds. The title had been relinquished by Stevens Smith, who battled under the name of Flasher Ishibashi in Japan and returned to the U.S. after discharged from military service.

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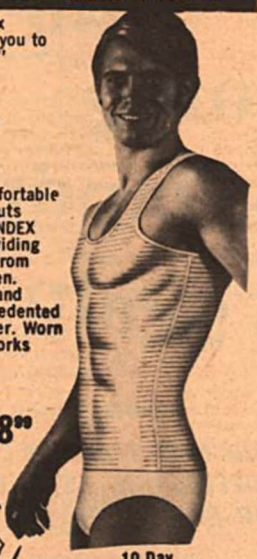

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JOHNSON SERVICE CHAMP, GOING PRO AS CIVILIAN

By JACK LEVINSON

Baltimore, Md. — Mike Johnson won his third Inter-Service title in the Amphibious Base at Little Creek. Johnson was the 119 lb. champion in 1973, again in 1974. Dick Pettigrew, his trainer, was pleased to have his protege win the 125 lb. title. But Johnson will be out of the Navy, again a civilian.

▲Johnson intends to leave this area shortly, and go to the West Coast or New Orleans. The Air Force won the team trophy by one point over the Army, with the Navy and Marines close behind.

All Services Championship Results:

▲106 lbs: Toney Wilson (Marines) won, TKO over Danillo Ceralde (Navy) 2nd rd.

▲112 lbs: Wilferdo Esperon (Air Force) won Dec. over Edwin Nazario (Army).

▲119 lbs: Charles Mooney (Army) won by 3rd KO over Alvin Towns (Marines).

▲125 lbs: Mike Johnson (Navy) won Dec. over Francis Gillion (Marines).

▲132 lbs: Roger Staford (Marines) won dec. over Leroy Veasly (Army).

▲139 lbs: Samuel Bonds (Army) won dec. over Juan Ruiz (Air Force).

▲147 lbs: Roger Leonard (Air Force) won dec. over Marvin Sanders (Army).

▲156 lbs: Keith Broom (Navy) won dec. over Jerome Bennett (Air Force).

▲165 lbs: Thomas Brooks (Air Force) won dec. over Patrick Cullo (Navy).

▲178 lbs: Tommy Johnson (Army) won by default over Andre Camilio (Navt).

▲HW: Nick Wells (Air Force) won dec. over Jerry Williams (Army).

AMATEURS MONOPOLIZE BOXING NEAR CAPITAL

By ED SCULLEN

Washington, D.C. — Boxing here has been in a lull in the last two months since the last pro show was held at the Capital Centre.

But the slack has been taken up by two noteworthy amateur events.

▲First, the Washington area Golden Gloves finals were held on three successive weekends at Prince George's Community College, Largo, Md. with the final drawing 1,064 fans.

Then came an A.A.U. production at the newly renovated D.C. Armory featuring top local amateurs against members of the Venezuelan national team.

Local Golden Glovers Derrick Holmes (119), Larry Hinnant (139), Frederick Tuttle (147), Joe Chaney (178) and heavyweight Hilton Willis won their matches at Largo, Md. and later appeared at the finals in Knoxville. All of the Washington fighters were defeated in semi-final bouts with the exception of Hinnant who lost a decision in the finals to Paul Sherry of Las Vegas.

GARDNER STOPS GREGORY IN 10 AT OKLAHOMA CITY

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — North American Junior Middleweight champion Tony Gardner stopped Hank Gregory in the tenth and final round at the Red Carpet Inn.

▲Gardner landed a crushing right hand that sent Gregory into dreamland at 1:18 of the round. That knockout was Gardner's nineteenth straight.

In the previous nine rounds, Gardner was in one of his toughest battles. Gregory's unorthodox style made it hard to get set to punch him.

Also, a broken eardrum, suffered in the first round, made it hard for the rock throwing Gardner to get on the track.

Most of the rounds were close, and going into the tenth round it could have been anyone's fight, but Tony proved his right to the North American title with that sensational knockout.

Featherweight Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma City stopped Jordan's Mohammed Muffleh in the first round.

In two other scheduled four rounders, 165 pound Ronnie Chicon, of Copan, Okla. stopped Rocky Matthews, 160, Oklahoma City, in the third and in a catchweight bout, light heavyweight Wayne Lewis beat middleweight Jim Foy in four.

Former Oklahoma middleweight champion Larry Brasier boxed his way to a unanimous ten round decision over Ronnie Chicon at the Red Carpet Inn.

Brasier used a sharp left jab and good left hook to keep the ever aggressive Chicon at bay. However, it wasn't all Brasier, as Ronnie was able to land some good jabs, especially in the earlier rounds. But, it was Brasier down the stretch.

The Muskogee, Okla. battler who had his middleweight title stripped due to inactivity, weighed 165 while Chicon hit the beam at 163.

Sean O'Grady, of Oklahoma City, 126, spotted Oklahoma City's Rocky Matthews nearly 40 pounds but managed to stop his massive foe in the second.

Pro debuting heavyweight Rex Bross of Oklahoma City TKO'ed Wayne Lewis in the third round. Lewis was unable to begin round three. Dallas welterweight Harvey TKO'ed Jim Foy of Oklahoma City in two.

ANTUOFERMO'S "SOFT TOUCH" JAUNT FULL OF STITCHES

By BILL KOWALCZYK

Bristol, Conn. — In a fine exhibition of power versus the boxer, Vito Antuofermo, the world's third ranking middleweight contender from Brooklyn, New York, was almost knocked off his pedestal by game Dave Huckaby. Dave showed skill and punching power for eight rounds to hold his own with the near champ from New York.

Dave cut Vito under and over both eyes with combinations to the tune of 15 stitches and this had Antuofermo worried throughout the 10 round battle.

At the end ofround eight, his father told Vito he had to pull it out of the fire if he expected to win and that he did as he floored Huckaby with a flurry of body and head shots.

The six round semi-final saw up and coming Vinnie DeBarrows, 135, of Waterbury, squeeze out a narrow victory over former New England Featherweight champion Terry Rondeau, 133, of Pittsfield, Mass. This toe to toe encounter had the crowd on its feet throughout the six rounds and at the end, the more than satisfied crowd, applauded for a full five minutes.

In the second six, a middleweight, who bears watching, from Somers, Conn., by the name of Jessie Bender massacred a game Paul Osberene, 160, of Lowell, Mass. and opened up a deep gash under his right eye and this forced referee Walter Longo to call a halt.

In four, Danna McCarthy, 158, of Bristol, stopped Eric Pagan via the TKO route after a flurry of punches and a knockdown ended the affair at 1 minute 55 seconds of the third round.

In 6, New York's Victor Checo, 139, won a disputed decision over Roberto Medina, 140, of Taunton, Mass.

MARK BEATS PINDER BUT GETS CUT EYE IN TRINIDAD

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Port of Spain, Trinidad — Carlos Mark, 156, Trinidad and Tobago, turned Rennie Pinder, 161, middleweight champion of Bahamas, into a punching bag to win a unanimous points decision.

▲Although Pinder was truly beaten by Mark who landed his punches at will, Pinder gave a game performance. The Bahamian had his moment of glory in the eighth round, when he opened a cut over Mark's eye.

▲Clyde Neptune, 157, Trinidad and Tobago, recorded his sixth straight victory when he floored Sammy Kid Baar, 154, of Nassau in the first and sixth round then TKO'ed Kid Baar in one minute 53 seconds of the 7th round.

▲Sterling Benjamin, 195, scored a 6 round victory over Ken Clarke, 179, of Port of Spain.

▲Michael Baptiste, 143, of the Apollo Boxing Club, won by TKO over Art de Freitas, 138, of Port of Spain in 2 minutes 9 seconds of the 3rd round.

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PHILLY BUSIEST FIGHT CENTRE IN COUNTRY AS NEW YORK SLIPS?

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weight Alfonso Hayman. A comparative unknown outside of Philly, Hayman recently stunned experts with a tenth round TKO over Johnny Gant in Landover, Md.

Alfonso is a smooth stand-up boxer who can knock you silly with his straight right hand. This was never more vividly illustrated than in the Gant fight.

Going into the last round the Washington DC contender was so far ahead that he needed only to finish on his feet to win. Hayman, who had pressed the fight all the way, finally reached Gant with his deadly right. Johnny fell as if he had been axed but somehow managed to beat the count. Hayman calmly measured Gant and sent him down again with another right hander. Once more Gant pulled himself erect but had to be rescued moments later with Alfonso plastering him all over the ring.

One of the people not taken back by Hayman's come from behind win was his trainer Jimmy Arthur. "I figured Gant couldn't hurt him and if Fonso kept up the pressure he would catch him in the end. He's going to surprise a lot of guys."

Hayman is a quiet, somber man with an ever present toothpick dangling from his lips. In the past he has spent too much time posing and not enough fighting. If the reversal of form shown in the Gant match continues Alfonso should be considered a definite dark horse candidate for title honors.

"FOURIE GOOD FIGHTER BUT NO CHAMPION", SAYS GALINDEZ AFTER NO NO-KNOCKDOWN FIGHT

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But Galindez could not hang the KO on the 32-year-old native son.

Galindez fought a typical fight for him. He started rather slowly until that cut opened up and then he cut loose.

There were no knockdowns and there was no home yammer about the decision.

Victor is short of stature with short arms and is built like a bull.

Were Conteh to fight the Argentian, he would find himself facing probably the toughest opposition of his career.

Much would depend on the attitude of the referee toward a bleeding cut.

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DONATO, FORMER CANADIAN CHAMP, RETIRES AT 26

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL, CAN. — The greatest drawing card in Canadian boxing since the days of the late Johnny Greco, Montreal's Donato Paduano at the age of twenty-six, has called it quits. Reasons for his early retirement were stated as, training bored him and he wasn't having fun anymore. In plain English, the desire and interest no longer exists.

It took Paduano, the fast punching, fleet footed boxer just thirteen months after turning pro, and sixteen bouts, to become a national champion. This was achieved by out-boxing Joey Durelle over twelve rounds.

Not only was Paduano a great attraction in Montreal, five of his first sixteen took place in New York. Within ninety days of winning the Canadian title, Paduano gave the ex-champ a return bout, the out-come, a unanimous decision for Paduano was even more convincing than their previous meeting.

He ends his career with a total of fifty pro bouts consisting of forty-one wins, eight losses and one draw. The turning point in his career took place in Madison Square Garden in Paduano's 19th pro fight against Marcel Cerdan, Jr. (France), proved to be a costly one. A crowd of better than 10,000 was on hand to see the clash between two fast punching welterweights. Cerdan, with a record of 46-1, was the under-dog in the betting, was his first appearance in the U.S.A.

In the fifth round, Paduano suffered one of the hazards of boxing. Accidental clash of heads left the Montreal boxer with a badly gashed left eye. The cut urged Paduano on and in the latter rounds, he came on strong to win a unanimous decision.

▲Less than two months later in Montreal against Johnny Cooke (England), Paduano won another decision but his previously damaged left eye looked like a raw hamburger at the conclusion of the bout. Right after the bout, plastic surgery was completed on the damaged eye.

From then on, the Montreal boxer appeared to be 'eye conscious', doing his best to protect it at all times with his gloves held high. Losing a unanimous decision to world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan in Madison Square Garden, his first loss as a pro, Paduano had serious problems trying to protect the damaged eye against the fast jabbing of the world champion.

▲Starting off the year of 1971 the Montreal boxer lost his National title to Clyde Gray (Toronto). It was apparent in this fight that no way could Paduano expect to contain the ever aggressive, fast punching Gray with one hand. At the bell to end the fight, Paduano was a unanimous loser. His eye was re-opened and now he was an ex-champion.

▲In June of 1973 fighting for the Commonwealth Junior middleweight championship in Australia, Charkey Ramon handed Paduano a bad beating in stopping him in eleven rounds. It was the first and only time that the Montreal boxer failed to go the distance.

▲By stopping another local Montreal boxer, Jean Claude Leclair in six rounds in 1974, Paduano picked up his largest purse of $28,000. Such an attraction between two local boxers, it attracted more than 15,000 fans to the Montreal Forum. This was to be followed by a unanimous decision loss to former world champion Emile Griffiths. A trip to Italy and another decision loss to a young Italian middleweight, Roberto Benacquista. Less than a month later Paduano announced his retirement.

During his fifty bout professional career, the Montreal boxer headlined three cards in his hometown which exceeded more than $100,000 gates and set new indoor records for Canadian boxing. He has invested his money well, and has the personality to succeed in any business he now pursues.

ANGEL ESPADA OUTWALLOPED LUIS ACOSTA

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Welter contender Angel "Cholo" Espada outwalloped his recent conqueror Luis Lara Acosta of Venezuela to gain a unanimous ten round decision.

Espada did not have an easy time with Lara's unorthodox style. He seemed on the road to a knockout when he dropped his opponent early in the bout. However, the Venezuelan recuperated in middle rounds and gave Espada some difficult moments with his rough in-fighting tactics. Espada closed strong with heavy shots to the head to take the closing rounds.

In another ten Junior Lightweight Samuel Serrano continued his winning ways when he scored an unanimous verdict over Dominican Jose Pena.

Pena was dropped in the fourth, seventh, and ninth but managed to hold off his more experienced rival to last out the limit.

Featherweight Santos "Pote" Rivera found the going rougher than he expected, and was lucky to cop a ten round decision from Enrique Solis.

Dominican Junior Welter Carlos Gil had too many guns for ill-trained Victor Baerga. The ref called a halt in 0:52 of the seventh, giving the bout on a TKO to Gil over totally exhausted Baerga.

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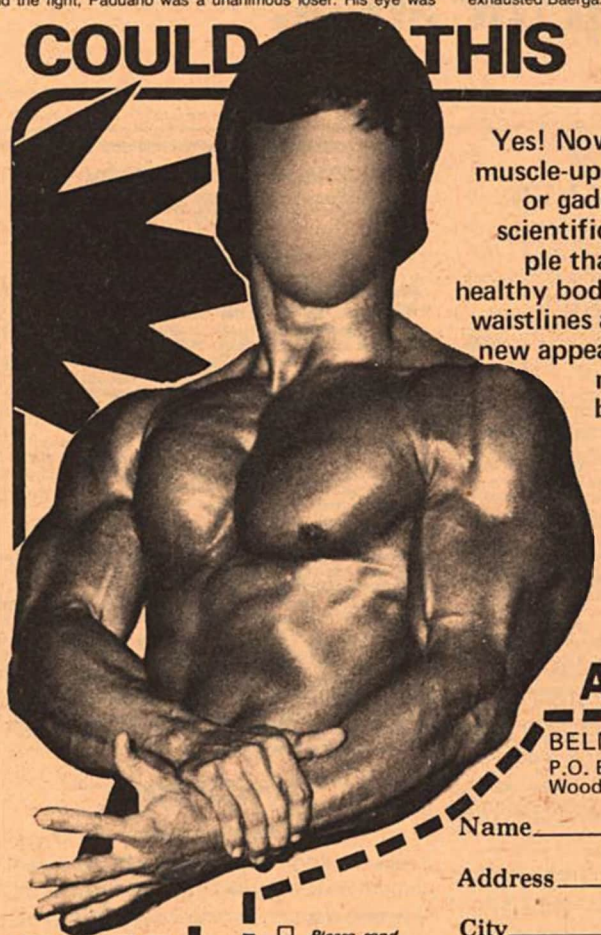

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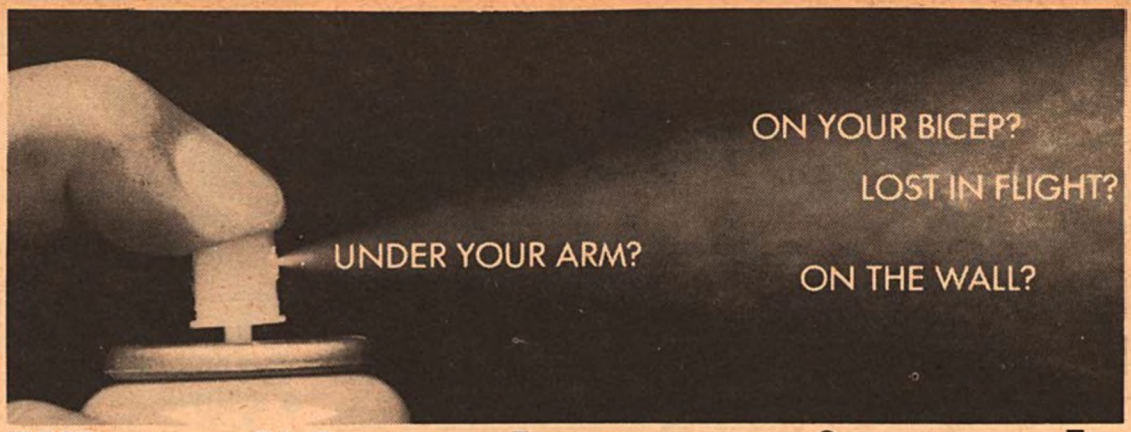

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HALL OF FAME "WILLIE RICHIE" STOPS JOE RIVERS IN ELEVEN

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Ritchie was a consummate boxer, a quiet man in a brawly trade. His professional debut in Oakland in 1907 saw him take a beating from Eddie Steele. But in his second fight he scored a knockout in two rounds over Monk Enoch in San Francisco.

This success started him off on a string of nine straight. Then came a defeat by Frank Burns in a six rounder in Oakland.

Ritchie's title winning fight with Wolgast was a big surprise as Ad was rated too hard a puncher for Ritchie.

Willie's battle with Welsh was a fine demonstration of fistic skill. Freddy still was in his palmy era. He was in no similar condition when Leonard knocked him out.

Ritchie always gets high rating whenever the experts list the most adroit lightweights of the game's history.

He was voted into the fistic Hall of Fame in 1962.

BALDWIN SCORES OVER LOVELADY IN BALTIMORE

By BUDDY EY

Baltimore, Md. — Some 1,000 fans paid $3,700 to see Johnnie Baldwin, 165½, win a unanimous 10 round decision over Lamont Lovelady, 166, Des Moines.

Lovelady was most willing but he could not fathom the southpaw style of his Kalamazoo foe. He was shaken up in the 4th round and dropped by a portside bomb in the 7th heat. Baldwin was a bit cautious but connected often enough to control the battle.

In the semi-final, Floyd Mayweather, 145½, a sharp punching stylist from Kalamazoo, decked Sparky Wheeler, 147, Washington, D.C., and continued to belabor him until the bout was stopped after 2:45 sec. of the 2nd round. Mayweather delighted the crowd with his showboat antics.

Ron Smoke Green, 139, Baltimore, put lots of pressure on taller Otis Locklear, 142, Spartanburg, and scored a 3 knockdown TKO in 2:00 of the 3rd round. Green is a former amateur champion and looked impressive in scoring his 5th straight knockout.

Long-haired Dennis Roberts, 163, Spartanburg, notched a TKO in 2:00 min. of the 4th round over bull-like Danny Slatt, 165, Harrisburg. The loser's face was a mess but he gave Roberts many anxious moments in this rip-roaring vendetta.

Pro-debuting Johnny Wilburn, 168, Glen Burnie, Md., gave chase to fleet-footed Larry Washington, 163, Baltimore, and finally caught him in the 6th round. Wilburn was landing at will with lusty right hands when the referee intervened.

The lively card was presented by Eli Hanover with Joe Poodles, Sr., the matchmaker.

PUNCH LINES

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train hard for any fight at all? Ali spent as much time in New York as he did at his training camp getting ready for Wepner. A few money makers with a few safe looking opponents, then the Big Battle with Frazier, and Muhammad will say goodbye. We will miss him. But he no longer is worth the kind of dough he is getting from both promoters and fans.

Harold Tingley
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SHIBATA JAPAN'S LEADING DRAW OUTPUNCHES MAKLOUFI

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Makloufi suffered his eighth setback against 41 wins and 7 defeats. The loser now lives and fights in Paris, because Communist Algeria forbids professional fights.

Kuniaka Shibata, 27 year-old, engaged in his eleventh title go.

After he was finished by Ben Villaflor in the first round in Hawaii in 1973, Shibata captured the WBC's version from Ricardo Arredondo the next year. The Japanese won 15-rounders from Antonio Amaya and Ramiro Bolanos last year.

Shibata is the best attraction in Japan without question. The puncher received the 'Fighter of the Year' Award from Tokyo Boxing Writers Club. He is piloted by Kenji Yonekura, ex-Orient bantam champion, and has good training under U.S. trainer Eddie Taunsend.

Fel Clementes, young import from the Philippines, upset Zensuke Utagawa by a surprising kayo in the sixth round. A loss was Utagawa's farewell to the Orient featherweight title. Up to the trick Utagawa outsped and outclassed the Filipino champ.

The Japanese hit the deck from Clementes' looping left for the count.

Clementes, 22-year-old puncher, may be a good target for Royal Kobayashi, Japan's best hope. Kobayashi, newly rated by The Ring Magazine, compiled an unblemished record of 15 wins, 13 knockouts.

Flipper Uehara became the national featherweight leader, beating Ushiwakamaru Harada in 10 hard-fought rounds in Okinawa. In his 12th pro fight the ex-amateur ringster took the JBC's title.

Other new champions are junior flyweight Kazunori Tenryu and middleweight Masashi Kudo. They won vacant JBC's titles in eliminators which happened on the same night.

Jiro Takada, Japan's flyweight ruler, was impressive as he stopped Orland Javierto, strong Filipino, in the tenth round of a scheduled 12 rounder.

It was also an eliminator to decide a successor to Socrates Batoto, ex-titlist of the P.I., who relinquished the leadership to the OBF. Reportedly he outgrew the 112-pound class.

Jiro Takada, clubmate of Susumu Hanagata, scored a fine finish. His vicious combination was a haymaker.

In a companion tenner Yong-Sik Kim, newly imported from Korea, won a majority nod from Hisami Mizuno in a hair-line competition. Mizuno, No. 1 Shinjin-o winner in 1972, found Kim elusive in mobility and sharp in punching. The combatants scaled at 119 pounds each.

Tomoharu Eda and Futaro Tanaka drew in 8 see-saw rounds. Eda, in his first appearance since returning from a foreign campaign, was unable to show an expected progress. They weighed in at 122 pounds.

SHAVERS STOPS NORRIS AS BINGHAMTON REVIVES

By JIM LEO

Binghamton, N.Y. — Professional boxing winged its way back here and a fine card was presented. Promoters Tony Cerasaro and Mike English returned local heavyweight Tommy Kost in a semi bout and Earnie Shavers in the featured ten.

▲Shavers, from Warren, Ohio, weighing 208, wore down a younger Rochell Norris, 204, Atlantic City, N.J., before taking a final round technical KO win. Though Shavers was in control during the contest, Norris rendered a good account of himself. Earnie exploded with a left, dropping Norris near the close of the ninth round. Norris came out for the 10th, but Shavers spilled his opponent for the second time, prompting referee Jack Milicich to call a halt after 31 seconds of the tenth. Shavers is now 49-3-1, while Norris is 11-2.

▲In the eight round semi, Tommy Kost, 195, Binghamton native, was awarded a close decision over Moses Harrell, 204, of North Philadelphia. Kost scored the lone knockdown of the bout in the second. Kost upped his record to 19-4.

▲A scheduled six round heavyweight bout ended early when Roberto Castro, New York, KO'ed John D'Amore, Rome, N.Y. after only 1:44 of the opening round.

▲Making his debut a winning one, heavyweight Ron "Maxie" Decker, Hallstead, Pa. Ron stopped New Yorker Arcenio Feliz with a third round TKO.

▲Another six rounder was also halted early, with South Philadelphia's Archie Andrews being declared a winner after 2:56 of the second over Henry Hall in a welterweight bout. Referee Holmes stopped the bout when Hall's mouthpiece went flying.

▲Jose Resto, New York, and Jose Flores, Camden, N.J., fought to a draw, in a six round junior welterweight bout.

▲The fine card of boxing attracted a nice crowd of 3,200.

Syracuse N.Y.'s Hal Carroll, light heavy, journeyed to Vienna, Austria, where he faced light heavyweight Avenamar Peralta. Carroll was a victim of a bad decision according to reports.

BYRD AND TRUJILLO FAIL TO WAKE ALBUQUERQUE

By BART RIPP

Albuquerque, N.M. — There is a weary phrase, "The third time's the charm." But about 1,000 customers at the Civic Auditorium didn't buy that baloney when Brooks Byrd of Clovis, N.M., and Lorenzo "Boom-Boom" Trujillo fought for the third time.

The slow-moving 10-round draw brought boos for the first time in a long while at a Paul Chavez-promoted card. Judge Walter Geis scored the bout at 97-all. Judge Richard Koslowski somehow had Trujillo winning, 97-93, while referee Neffie Quintana and this corner scored it for Byrd, 98-95.

In the first five rounds, there was nothing to Boom-Boom's punches, while Byrd, 136½, picked quick jabs off the Houstonian's face as easy as reaching for candy in the sweet shop on First St. in Clovis, where Brooks is known as "Bad Baby" Byrd.

Trujillo, 137, landed some body shots later in the languid match, but Byrd's jabbing kept him off balance.

The last time the pair met, it was a 12-round draw in Corpus Christi. Boom-Boom beat the Bad Baby in a split decision in their first fight in Houston.

Byrd, tuning for a rematch in San Juan, P.R., with Laudial Negron, now has a 26-2-2 record. Trujillo is 37-4-4.

Byrd's Clovis buddy, Earl Large, 125¼, pitched a shutout in winning a unanimous eight-round decision from Jimmy Martinez, 129, of Houston. Large, an unappreciated little battler, controlled the fight, frequently backing Martinez into a corner, where Earl belted away at his body. Large now has a 39-7-1 record.

Bantam Johnny Mesa, 116¼, Tucson, stopped Louis Rico, 115, San Antonio, at 2:37 of the fourth round when Rico's handler Bill Watkins asked referee Mike Klaube to stop the one-sided fight. A two-fisted Mesa mauling dropped Rico for a five-count in the third round.

Light heavyweight Larry "The Stone Fist" Castaneda, 170, Tucson, lived up to his nickname when he knocked out Chico Valdez, 174½, Phoenix, in 56 seconds of a scheduled six-rounder. Castaneda, who has won all four of his pro fights by KO, landed a great right to the chin.

Albuquerque lightweight Joe Zamora, 136¼, won his third fight in as many starts by taking a unanimous four-round decision over Mike Swiger, 138, Tucson.

Despite the disappointing fights and crowd, promoter Chavez says he plans to run every month.

The All-Wepner closed circuit TV show three nights later drew about 1200 persons.

LeCLAIR STOPS MELOSH IN 10TH ROUND

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Hull, Que. — Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) making his first start since losing to Donato Paduano late last year, was hard pushed to win by a 10th round KO over one billed as Don Melosh (New Jersey).

In six round bouts Carl Winston (Hull) a unanimous winner over Jim Henry (Montreal). Bernard D'Aoust (Montreal) handed a bad beating over the distance to one Avadis Kassabian billed out of Ottawa. Daniel Levesque (Montreal) stopped Al Roy (Drummondville) in the second round.

Clyde Gray, Canadian & Commonwealth welterweight champion at Hull, pushed his record to 50-3-1 in stopping an adept Songbird Williams (Memphis) in less than three rounds. Williams offered no resistance. It most likely took Gray longer to bandage and tape his hands than it did to take care of Williams.

Marc Gervais (Hull) took a couple of rounds to get the measure of his much taller opponent Ramon Perez (Dom. Rep.). Boxing well and scoring with counter-punches Gervais wore his man down until the bout was finally halted in the fifth round.

READ THE RING

COOPER'S LAYOFF ENDS AS HE STOPS LOVE

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Jose, Cal. — George Cooper climed back in the ring after an eight month absence to score a ninth round knockout of David Love. Both middleweights threw a lot of punches. Cooper, at 160, landed with more effect as he dominated with jabs and hooks to the midsection. Cooper appeared a bit rusty in the early going.

In the fourth round Cooper dropped Love with a right to the chin. Love got up at the count of three.

The sixth round was the best for Love as he was able to surprise Cooper a half dozen times with right hand leads followed by quick lefts. However Love's combinations seemed to only break up Cooper's rhythm: this must have been apparent to him also. The round closed with both fighters trading punches.

In the only other bout, Pasqual Caldera, 118, scored a unanimous decision over Baby Joe Johnston, 120. There were no knockdowns.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL SCOOP GALLELLO, IVBA PRES.

Joe "Iron Horse" Sturino — former pugilist from New Rochelle, N.Y. passed away at 67. Joe was dubbed "The Iron Horse" for his many encounters, sometimes boxing 5 times a week. Once boxed three times in one night in different states—New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Al La Barba, pugilist of yesteryear, is now in property management in N.Y.C. Al boxed as a pro from 1939 to 1948 facing Artie DiPietro, Joey DeJesus, Maxie Shapiro, Willie Beltram, Frankie Palermo and Fritzie Pruden.

Frankie Corvino, bantamweight, born and reared in New Rochelle, N.Y. brought that city its first golden gloves championship when he recently won the title over Joshua King. Corvino is trained by Phil Nestel and Dennis May.

Georgie Rugg, longtime secretary of IVBA Ring #8 of N.Y.C., recently resigned, retiring to Florida.

Joe Baksi, heavyweight, who boxed top contenders of his era, is ill in an upstate hospital.

Tony Bianco, 1941 Golden Gloves champion recently passed away at Northport Veteran's Hospital.

Salesian School in New Rochelle was the site of a recent amateur boxing show attended by former fisticuffers Pat Roscona, Tony DeSiena, Charlie Caserta, Vic Dellicurti, Al Certo, Ernie Durando, Steve Belloise, Frankie Gio, Sal La Pera, Bobby Brandt, Bobby Kirk, Chico Vejar, Joey Manfro, Jimmy Vee and Rocky Graziano. Artist Gunter Kuhn presented Rocky with an oil painting of his joust with Charlie Fusari.

Champ Snell, prexy of Ring 102 of greater Paterson, N.J., recently held a successful sports night in that area.

Sat. June 7th. 10th. Annual dinner-dance Westchester County Veterans Boxers Ring #30—honoring (posthumously) former featherweight king Mike Belloise, and former welterweight Tony Ferrara: club honoree Frankie Dempsey., with Schenectady's Tony Messina receiving the Luke Bauer Humanitarian Award. The site is the Seven Pines Rest. on Boston Post Rd., Mamoroneck, N.Y. Tickets can be purchased from this writer for $17.00.

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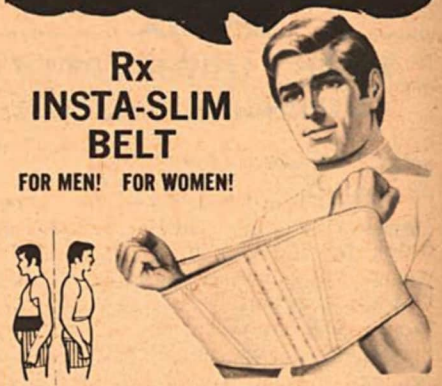

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is also supervised by Bobby Wagner and the "Fight Night" Committee men of the Regina Center. Brother-in-law Petey Hayes was managed by the late combination of Frankie Jay Jacobs and Sol Gold.

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From England comes news that John Conteh, World Boxing Council's light heavyweight king, is looking ahead. Conteh is going after the music field and was scheduled to make his first recording, "And I Love You So." John is set to make his debut as a singer on the Bachelors Show scheduled to take place on BBC TV. Before Conteh went into boxing his first love was music. Nothing like preparing for the rainy day. From Manila came word that Ben Villaflor, World Boxing Association lightweight king, had undergone a five hour operation to help repair damage to his right eye five days after a successful defense.

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Marty Owens, former New York boxer, one of the last to disappear from Jacobs Beach, dropped into The Ring office. Marty, for some years, was affiliated with Al Reid's Ring 8 VBA in New York. Marty reminded us of the 50th Anniversary dinner given to Joe Benjamin, the lightweight of yesteryear, and Jack Silver. Marty always has been a fight buff. He misses Jack Dempsey's spot, where he, as well as other fistic followers, were frequent visitors to cut a few capers about the good old days.

A great fight buff is a chap named Tony Marino, of the Kings Pharmacy, in Brooklyn, who is a friend of two time champ Lou Salica. Tony recently wrote Lou and mentioned our Up and Down Broadway column. We met this lad once through the former champ. He sure impressed me as one of boxing's loyal rooters. He says:

"I've seen fights at the St. Nicholas and Broadway Arenas, Fort Hamilton and Coney Island Velodrome. I have a collection of Ring Magazines dating back from 1927, two years before I was born. Recently I started collecting fight films. I also have hundreds of autographs, including many champs, yours among them.

"I saw my first fight in the Garden in the 1950s. Tami Mauriello scored a sensational knockout over Lou Nova among them. Truth to tell, that's the fight that made me a fight bug and I still am even today. I'm one of boxing's boosters and a faithful follower of The Ring which has always been the bible of the sport. I never miss an issue."

We received word from Abe Goldstein, now a resident of Florida. Spoke of a visit he had from Nick Wagner from New York. Goldstein's full monicker was Abe Attell Goldstein and he was managed by the late Willie Lewis, one of the first Americans to invade the boxing scene in Paris. He started in 1916 and wound up his career in 1924. Captured the bantam crown from the late Joe Lynch in 1924 and lost it to Eddie Cannonball Martin, both 15 round decision affairs. After retiring, Goldstein held a position in Wall Street. Abe writes he's in retirement in Florida and is in good shape.

SALAVARRIA BEATS HANAGATA IN JAPAN, RIOT FOLLOWS

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what it called an unjust decision.

Hanagata weighed 112 and Salavarria 110¾. There was no knockdown but there were vicious surges of punching.

Hanagata never was in trouble and showed plenty of speed and determination. Had the decision been a draw there probably would have been some yammer but no riot.

Salavarria, experienced, relied almost entirely on hooks to the body and they did a lot of damage.

Minn said, "I had to vote for Salavarria because he landed the cleaner punches."

Salavarria did a lot of punching with his left and little with the right. Hanagata made a two-fisted fight.

The Japanese disregarded the fact that Hanagata was not the world fly champion but only the WBA leader.

The official titleholder, recognized by The Ring is Miguel Canto, the Yucatan Mexican Indian.

Hanagata already had suffered a loss to Salavarria, last January 8, and the Japanese fans did not like that one, either.

Canto owns the world title as sanctioned by the WBC!

Now if only Salavarria and Canto would fight, the boxing world could have a universally recognized champion.

However, the WBA has insisted that due to the controversial nature of the decision that Salavarria and Hanagata must have a rematch within 90 days. Once again the possibility of having the WBC and WBA champion meeting to clear up the title is stalled.

JOE LOUIS BACK AT CAESAR'S PALACE IN LAS VEGAS

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Los Angeles, Calif. — Joe Louis back at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, working together as official greeter with former movie star and Olympic swimming champion Johnny Weissmuller. Muhammad Ali interviewed on a recent Los Angeles TV show was asked where he picked up the "I'm The Greatest" tag-line. Ali said he appeared on a Las Vegas TV show and heard Gorgeous George, the wrestler, say "I'm The Greatest" and has used it ever since. . .Kevin Morgan, Los Angeles lightweight youngster boxing on the Coast is the son of L. C. Morgan, Detroit welterweight of the 50's. Kevin is managed by his dad. . .Sean O'Grady, featherweight youngster boxing out of Oklahoma is the son of boxing promoter Pat O'Grady. . .Rudy Hernandez, LaPalma, California lightweight undefeated in 14 bouts is a fighter who bears watching.

Hernandez holds an amateur win over former National amateur lightweight champ Randy Shields, who is now fighting pro. Hernandez is managed by Red Shannon, middleweight-light heavyweight of the 20's and 30's. . .Another bright looking prospect is Stacey Douglas, winner of the 1973 Southern California Junior Golden Gloves bantamweight championship. Douglas is now boxing amateurs in the lightweight division and is expected to turn pro. His coaches are two experienced handlers, Nat Shupack and Earl Woods. Frank Manfredo, former boxer and well known referee died at San Francisco. He was a cousin of former champ Young Corbett III and uncle of Al Manfredo, also a onetime boxer . . .Ray "Windmill" White West Coast light heavyweight has retired from the ring and is now managing fighters. . .Richie "Kid" Howard, former Canadian lightweight champion and onetime columnist for Ring Magazine, died at Halifax, Nova Scotia. . .Newly elected officers of the Golden State Veteran Boxers Association are: Willie Bean, President; Hugh Sublett, Vice President; Georgie Levine, Treasurer; George L. Jenkins, Secretary; Sargeant at Arms, Al "Abie" Bain, Kenny LaSalle, Johnny Kern and Archie Brown. . .Teddy Hayes, onetime trainer of former heavyweight champ Jack Dempsey now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. . .Everett L. Sanders, retired member of the California State Athletic Commission, has published a book titled "A Brief Outline of Boxing From 2500 BC to 1974 AC." The book is not for public sale and is a collector's item.

Johnny Flores' gym built in back of his home at Pacoima, California, has the same ring in which Gene Fullmer-Ray Robinson fought at Las Vegas. The Fairbanks weigh-in scale of the Ocean Park Arena. The rubdown table from the Hollywood Legion Stadium. The gym was also built of material from the old Burbank bike racing track.

▲The Cauliflower Alley Club has a new meeting quarters, "The Masquers Club" in Hollywood. Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon. Mike Mazurki, movie actor and former wrestler has been re-elected President. 1st Vice President is Lou Nova, former heavyweight boxer; 2nd Vice President is Al Baffert, former wrestler and boxer; Secretary, Maria Bernardi, former girl wrestler and judo expert who is a special officer with the Los Angeles Police Department; Meeting Chairman is former boxer Nobile "Kid" Chissell; Marshall Wright was re-elected Executive Director; Arthur Abrams was re-elected Public Relations Chairman and Treasurer; former light heavyweight champ Archie Moore was re-elected Chairman of the San Diego area; Former welterweight champ Jackie Fields was elected Chairman of the Las Vegas area; Joe Herman, gym owner, was elected Chairman of the San Francisco area with a beginning membership of former champs Ceferino Garcia, Joe Benjamin, Bobo Olson, Young Corbett III. Also Joe Shanon of Philadelphia, Milio Militi, Jack Silver, Chick Devlin and Johnny Farr.

Active members in the Hollywood and Los Angeles area are former boxing champs Jimmy McLarnin, William "Gorilla" Jones, Mushy Callahan.

MOYER EARNS VERDICT BUT GETS VIENNESE DEAL AGAINST AUSTRIAN

By LEO VOLNHOFER

Vienna, Austria — Austrian boxing's new darling, middleweight Franz Csandl, in his first bout after he was narrowly outpointed by Spain's European light middles champ Jose Duran, tackled former junior middles king Denny Moyer. Csandl was the aggressor but the better boxer was the 35 year old boxing master from the USA.

The younger Csandl got the unanimous verdict but Moyer got the acclaim of the crowd who saw a kind of boxing seldom witnessed in Continental Europe. Moyer can do everything with his fists but belt the other guy out. In Portland, Moyer would have obtained the unanimous decision.

In the second main bout, another US visitor was manhandled by the judges. Crafty Hal "TNT" Carroll met Avenamar Peralta of the Argentine in a cruiserweight battle. Peralta lives in Europe, has so far had 18 fights, won 17, 12 by the short route, and was once robbed in a match against Rudi Lubbers when they disqualified him for allegedly punching too low.

In his fight against Carroll, Peralta clowned around for five rounds and was four points behind. Carroll, appearing a bit muscle bound, hit hard and often and tried to make a fight of it. With the 6th round, Peralta got down to business, had forthwith the better of the exchanges and hit more often but, in my opinion, did just enough to earn a draw. But he got the decision. The verdict was loudly booed and Carroll had to leave Vienna with a bitter taste in his mouth.

Junior welter Cemal Kamaci of Turkey, former European junior welter king, who will meet the new champion of this class Ramon Gomez-Fouz of Spain had a good workout for 8 rounds against Italian journeyman Santino Reali, who some three years ago got a draw against Pedro Fernandez in the latter's hometown Zaragoza. Kamaci won six rounds and the verdict but failed to impress. He still can do everything to an opponent but really rock him.

Undefeated Dutch middleweight comer Rudi Koopmans, superbly handled by veteran Max Stadtlaender of Paris, knocked out Arpad Majan of Hungary in the 4th round.

Rene Zeller, 18 year old son of promoter Willy Zeller, knocked out faded Eddie Machen junior of Curacao in the second round. In his first bout three weeks earlier, young Zeller belted out Ronald Riedewald of Holland in the first. Willy Zeller told me his son, now barely weighing to the middles limit, will continue to box until he meets a guy who shows him his limitations.

A WHITE LIE MADE A NEW FIGHT PROMOTER

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greatest upsets in history with his European talent.

Jacques Royer, at 8-1, beat Tiger Jones, Hocine Khalfi, at 5-1, beat the world featherweight king, Sandy Saddler, over the weight and Pierre Langlois defeated Joey Giardello at 9-1. Naturally, Kanter had backed his boys and came away with some hefty profits. They were also all televised fights with nice purses.

He also had Marcel Pigou, Germinal Ballarin and many others that fought here.

One thing has always eluded Kanter — a world champion.

"I've spent 27 years of my life chasing that middleweight crown," he says with great sorrow. "Villemain beat LaMotta over the weight and he would never fight us back. Pigou fought Florentino Fernandez with the winner to meet Fullmer for the title and blew the fight.

"Langlois fought Bobo Olson in San Francisco with Langlois getting stopped on a butt and even though the California cut rule should have been enforced and wasn't, we never got another shot. I almost got suspended for life when I protested the ruling on that one.

"I had Jean-Claude Bouttier fight Carlos Monzon twice in losing efforts for his current crown. More recently, I had Gratien Tonna meet Rodrigo Valdez for his WBC middleweight crown. I thought my luck had finally changed when Tonna seemed to be coming on strong in an even fight in the fifth round. But a foul ended that hope late in the fight with the referee stepping in to check a cut over Tonna's eye and Valdez reaching over and landing three rapid-fire punches to put Tonna down and out over the ref's outstretched arm. We'll get it in the rematch though," Kanter said with such sincerity, you'd bet your house on it.

All those recent fights were in Europe. We only have a world heavyweight king in Muhammad Ali to boast about now. And most of the recent heavyweight title matches have been held out of the United States.

"There aren't enough active promoters left to make money within the United States," says Kanter. "The whole trend has reversed. I used to send the Europeans to the States to make money and a name. Now most of my business with promoters, on an international basis, is in France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, New Caledonia, the French Caribbean, Germany, Austria and elsewhere. The kids get well paid and there's always something, regardless of weight.

"Look at some of the recent gates in Europe," Kanter says. "Bouttier-Cohen drew $300,000, Valdez-Tonna, $200,000, Monzon-Bouttier $520,000 and Monzon-Napoles, neither of them from Europe, drew over $600,000 in Paris."

Kanter attributes the growth of boxing throughout the rest of the world with imaginative and steady promotions.

"Without a doubt," he says, "the greatest international boxing promoter in the world today is Rodolfo Sabbatini. He headquarters his operation with a large office in Rome and has another big office in Milan. He is Italy and virtually co-promotes throughout the rest of Europe. He's a fantastic man."

Kanter is proud of the fact that he was instrumental in putting the television people here together with Sabbatini and feels that the great international matches will become a major attraction to U.S. television audiences on a regular basis.

Always jetting off for one of his promotions somewhere throughout the globe, George Kanter is still searching for a champion.

ONLY ONE KO MARKS FINALS AS GOLDEN GLOVES STIR N.Y.

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to register again, but it was no go.

Another open skirmish, in the 147 pound class, a corker, saw Luis Resto, of the PAL Lynch Center, get the nod over Harold Torres, representing the Lunar Boxing Club.

When the fights were over it was announced that the PAL fighters won first place in both the Sub-Novice and Open divisions, while New York City Recreation came out winners in second place in both the Sub-Novice and Open classes.

Here's a rundown on the outcome of the first 15 settos:

112 lb. Sub-Novice

Paul DeVorce, Yonkers PAL, defeated Robert Gotay, NYC Recreational Dept., St. Mary's Center.

112 lb. Open

John Barretto, Lunar BC, defeated Johnnie Britt, Impac Gym, Inc.

106-lb Sub-Novice—Final

Steven Price, Wagner Youth Center, defeated John Testa, unattached.

106-lb. Open—Final

Claudio Rivera, NYC Recreation Dept., St. John's Center, defeated Clifton Melvin, Cage Recreation Center.

118 lb. Sub-Novice—Final

Frank Corvino, Huguenot YMCA, defeated Joshua King, United Block Association.

118 lb. Open—Final

John Verderosa, PAL, 120th Pct., defeated Jimmy Magnifico, unattached.

160 lb. Sub-Novice—Final

Alfred Tobe, PAL, 120th Pct., defeated Patrick Esposito, NYC Recreation Dept., Lost Bn. Hall.

160 Lb. Open—Final

Tom Chestnut, PAL, Howard Houses, defeated Manuel Melon, NYC Recreation Dept., St. John's.

147 lb. Sub-Novice

Kevin Rooney, PAL, 120th Pct., defeated Kevin Higgins, Army AA, West Point, N.Y.

147 lb. Open

Luis Resto, PAL, Lynch Center, defeated Harold Torres, Lunar BC.

175 lb. Sub-Novice—Final

Willie Starling, Time Out Club, defeated John Wiggins, PAL, 110th Pct.

175 lb. Open—Final

John Davis, Time Out Club, defeated Gerald Cooney, NYC Recreation Dept., Lost Battalion Hall.

126 lb. Sub-Novice—Final

Percy Johnson, NYC Fire Dept. AA, defeated Charles Roman, NYC Fire Dept. AA.

126 lb. Open—Final

Howard Davis, unattached, defeated Richard Flores, NYC Fire Dept. AA.

135 lb. Sub-Novice—Final

Robert Rodriguez, Wagner Youth Center, defeated Curtis Smith, Hall Neighborhood House.

135 lb. Open—Final

Carlos Paneto, PAL, and Julio Paneto, were declared co-champions.

NAPOLES IN 12, DECISION BAD?

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ringside doctor to have a look. The medico examined the cut and came a second time in that round. This time there was no hesitation.

Muniz hollered, his manager hollered. But the fact remained that Muniz had been guilty of butting. He insisted he had been done a grave injustice but it did them no good. They presented a weak case.

In 35 minutes the legend that Napoles was one of the greatest fighters of the last 30 years was given a jolt.

Napoles was ordered to do no training for the next month.

PENTALOW AND CAVITISON BOTH CAUTION EXPERTS

By BILL KOWALCZYK

Bristol, Conn. — It was a good return to professional boxing status for Bristol, but it didn't do Kevin Pentalow's reputation any good as he failed to put the crusher on Bobby Cavitison, a 191 pound journeyman out of White Plains, New York!

It was a good match on paper but wasn't good in the ring as both were too cautious. Kevin won every round at 190 pounds, much heavier than usual and appeared sluggish and powerless against the 191 pound New Yorker who showed little. He constantly held and grabbed the unhappy Pentalow who came to fight and this proved to be the problem throughout the eight rounds.

In the semi-final six Vinnie DeBares, the 133 pound kid from Waterbury, won over Ahmed Tasci, also 133, from Hungary and White Plains.

Vinnie looked great and is a true prospect. He looks, moves and fights like the all time middleweight king Sugar Ray Robinson and is ready to step up to main bout status.

Steve Toomey, 144, Waterbury favorite, had trouble beating Lenny Nieves, 142, Hartford, in another six rounder. It was a close fight and many thought it should have been a good draw, but the official verdict though went to Toomey, 28 to 24.

Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 140, of Lowell, and Jose Carabello, 135, of Hartford, fought six gruelling rounds to a crowd pleasing draw. The two gladiators stood toe to toe throughout the contest and both expressed disappointment at the judges' decision. A good return bout for future use.

The remaining bouts were good to excellent as Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton's promotion pleased the large throng on hand with the first professional show here in 15 years.

In four rounds, Franky Williams, 150, of Ansonia, won over 147-pound Aldos Reis of Waterbury.

In a sixer, Paul Osborne, 160, of Lowell, finally proved his superiority over Jerry Tramantano, 160, of White Plains, New York, as he pounded out a lopsided decision. Paul hauled and mauled his way to win before a pleased crowd.

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